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The Digital World

› **Getting Started: Vocabulary (page 117)**

1 **Read the advert.** Decide if the sentences below are true or false. Then correct the false sentences in your notebook. 

See the latest trends in computer hardware and software at the EIT Trade Exhibition.

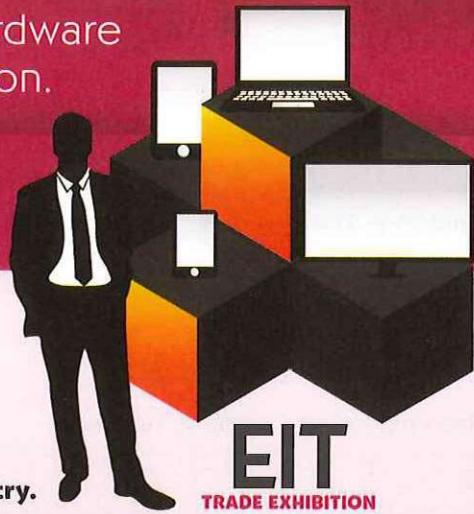
All the latest hardware products

PCs: desktops, laptops and tablets
Smartphones, smartwatches and much more.

Hundreds of software companies offering IT solutions and apps for:

banking	health
business and retail	manufacturing
education	hospitality and leisure

New this year: computer apps for the automobile industry.



25th-27th November, Olympia Convention Centre Details at: info@EIT.com

1. The trade exhibition is only for computer hardware.
2. The products exhibited include different types of computers.
3. The exhibition is only for banking and businesses.
4. There are computer products for schools, hospitals and factories.
5. You will find examples of the newest equipment at the trade exhibition.

Tip!

In technology, we sometimes use abbreviations instead of words.
PC = personal computer
IT = information technology

2 **Three people are getting information at the trade exhibition information desk. Listen to the mini-dialogues and choose the correct answers. **

1. A: Good ¹morning / evening. Can I help you?
B: Yes, I'm looking for the Banking Plus exhibit.
A: That's exhibit number ²218 / 28.
B: Thank you.
2. A: Excuse me. Can you tell me where exhibit ³345 is?
B: Let me check. It's an exhibit of apps for the automobile industry. It's over there with the ³blue / red sign.
A: I see it, thanks.
3. A: I'm interested in software for ⁴education / business.
B: Just a moment ... OK, you want exhibit numbers 107, 159 and 96. Here's a map to help you.
A: Thank you.
B: You're welcome. Enjoy the ⁵day / exhibition.

3 **Practise the mini-dialogues in Exercise 2 with a partner. Pay attention to the expressions in colour.**

4 **Read the mini-dialogues in Exercise 2 again. Then decide which mini-dialogue each sentence relates to.**

- Speaker A wants to see several related exhibits.
- Speaker A already knows the number of the exhibit he wants to see.
- Speaker B gives Speaker A something.
- Speaker B wants to see a specific company's exhibit.
- Speaker A identifies his area of interest.

Tip!

When we say a number with three digits, we usually say *two hundred and thirty one*, but when we say a room or exhibit number, we say *two-three-one* or *two-thirty-one*.

Working with Vocabulary

5 Listen and repeat. Then match the words to the pictures. (1)

monitor ♦ mouse ♦ system unit ♦ keyboard ♦ server ♦ laptop



6 Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then copy and complete the sentences. (1)

software ♦ apps ♦ hardware ♦ data

- is another word for *information*.
- are programs you can use on your smartphone.
- means the physical parts of a computer.
- is another word for computer programs.

7 Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then match the business sectors in A to the statements in B. (1)

A

- health
- transport
- education
- manufacturing
- banking
- business and retail
- hospitality and leisure

B

- "We've got laptops in my school."
- "I've got an online clothes shop."
- "You can see financial information online."
- "This hospital uses the latest technology."
- "We make mobile phones on our production line."
- "This is our newest car!"
- "Customers can reserve rooms on our website."

8 Listen and repeat. (1)

10 – ten	80 – eighty
20 – twenty	90 – ninety
30 – thirty	100 – one hundred
40 – forty	500 – five hundred
50 – fifty	1,000 – one thousand
60 – sixty	1,500 – one thousand five hundred
70 – seventy	

9 Write the numbers in your notebook. (1)

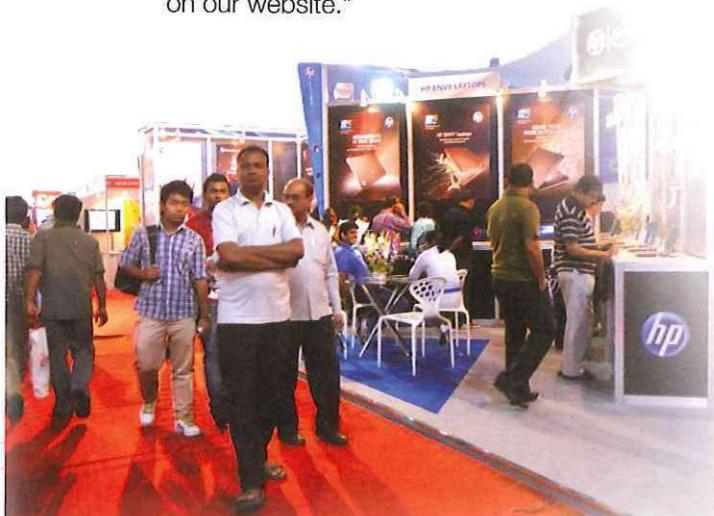
- five hundred and sixty-three
- eight hundred and seventy-one
- one thousand and twenty
- four thousand and thirteen
- one thousand, four hundred and thirty-four
- seven thousand, six hundred and ninety-one

10 Write the numbers in words in your notebook. (1)

1. 29	4. 113
2. 65	5. 297
3. 84	6. 1,379

Your Turn

Three people are getting information at the trade exhibition information desk. Listen to the conversations. Then write the correct number for each exhibit in your notebook. (1)



Working in IT

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1 **Read the profiles.** Then copy and complete the sentences below with the correct name. 

Charlene

My name's Charlene and I'm a helpdesk technician. I'm responsible for solving IT problems over the phone. I usually work as part of a team. I am skilled in problem solving and I'm good with people.



Brian

My name is Brian. I work in a computer factory in Scotland. We make and test computer hardware. I also work two nights a week repairing computers in people's homes or businesses.



Francesca

I'm Francesca and I'm a support technician. I work for a big IT company in Glasgow. Our company provides basic support for our clients and tests new software products on the market. I'm skilled at assembling computer networks for businesses and schools.



- puts computer systems into businesses.
- solves IT problems on the telephone.
- tests hardware.
- sometimes works at night.
- repairs computers.
- works closely with a group of other people.

Tip!

When we talk about skills, we often use an adjective and preposition: *good at, responsible for*.

2 **Listen to the dialogue** and number the sentences in the correct order in your notebook. 

- Nice to meet you, too.
- Good morning, I'm Chloe, and this is Brian.
- Can you answer some questions for our survey?
- I'm pleased to meet you.
- Sure. What would you like to know?

3 Match the questions in A to the responses in B. Then **listen to the continuation of the dialogue** and check your answers. 

A

- What's your job?
- What does your job involve?
- What skills do you need for your job?

B

- You must be good at problem solving.
- I'm a software tester.
- I test new software for the automobile industry.

4 Practise the dialogue in Exercises 2 and 3 with a partner. Pay attention to the expressions in colour.

Working with Vocabulary

5 Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then choose the correct answer.

- I **test** / **troubleshoot** problems over the telephone.
- My laptop is broken. Can you **repair** / **install** it?
- You can **upload** / **download** the instructions from the Internet.
- We use about 50 parts when we **maintain** / **assemble** a new computer.
- Your PC will go faster if you give it a **startup** / an **upgrade**.

6 Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then match the words in A to the words in B to form expressions.

A

- solve**
- operate**
- design**
- give**
- input**
- check**

B

- a webpage
- problems
- the connections
- support
- data
- a machine



7 Copy and complete the sentences with the expressions from Exercise 6.

- We need a graphic designer to for our new company.
- We to users in businesses, offices and at home.
- My job is to help over the phone.
- If the monitor doesn't work, at the back of the system unit.
- It takes time to into the computer.
- They on the production line.

8 Listen and repeat the jobs in colour. Then decide which job matches each description.

network administrator ♦ **helpdesk technician** ♦ **web designer** ♦ **software tester** ♦ **programmer**
support technician ♦ **data entry operator**

- This person writes software for computers.
- This person helps clients with IT problems over the telephone.
- This person manages the day-to-day running of a computer network.
- This person fixes software and hardware problems.
- This person tests new products before they are in the shops.
- This person develops and designs webpages.
- This person puts information into a computer.

9 Complete the job advert with the words below.

installing ♦ helpdesk technician ♦ assemble ♦ troubleshoot ♦ repairing ♦ giving support

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POSITION OF ¹

You will be responsible for ² for all our IT products and services. You will need to answer questions, identify and ³ problems, and provide technical assistance via the telephone. You should also be competent at ⁴ hardware and ⁵ computer software. Candidates must also be able to ⁶ a PC. Good technical knowledge and minimum one year's experience required.

CLOSING DATE 22nd MARCH. Contact: IT Manager, Mr. John Campbell

Your Turn

Imagine you and your partner are business people attending a computer trade exhibition. Introduce yourselves and ask and answer questions about your jobs.

Student A: Use the information on page 84.

Student B: Use the information on page 92.

