

People Need Computers



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Computers are helpful machines. They come in all shapes and sizes. Computers can go anywhere. People use computers on trains and planes.

Computers help people send and receive information. People can send e-mails to places around the world. People can play games and watch videos. People can store information on computers.

They can look up all kinds of information too. They look up information on the World Wide Web. They can find information about any subject. How do you use a computer?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What do computers help people do?

- a) dance at a recital
- b) drive to school
- c) send and receive information

2. What technology does this passage describe?

- a) the World Wide Web
- b) computers
- c) iPads

3. Computers can send e-mails to places around the world. People can play games and watch videos on computers. People can also store information on computers.

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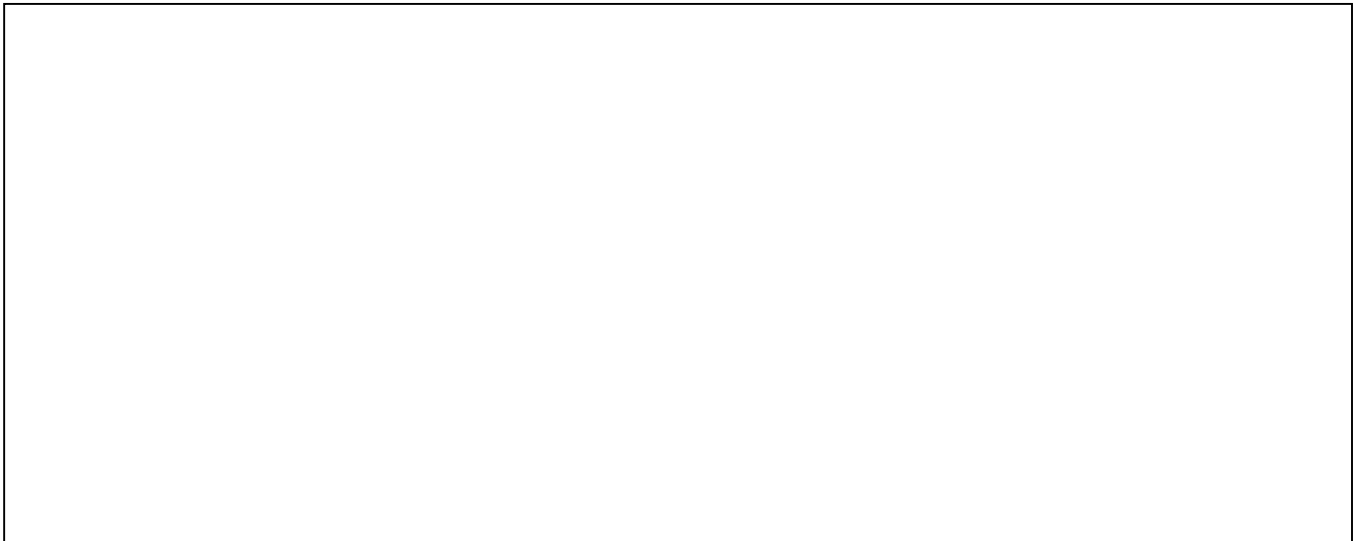
- a) They can use computers to travel to different places.
- b) They can use computers only to store information.
- c) They can use computers for many different things.

4. What is the main idea in "People Need Computers"?

- a) Everyone needs to use the World Wide Web.
- b) Computers are not very useful for most people.
- c) Computers help people do many different things.

5. A) Where can you go with a computer?

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B) Draw someone using a computer.

6. What did you learn from "People Need Computers"?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** Explain why people need computers.

Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 410

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5. A) *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

Where can you go with a computer?

Suggested answer: With a computer you can go *anywhere*.

B) Draw someone using a computer.

Suggested answer: Students' pictures may vary but should include a person using a computer. Advanced pictures will somehow show what the person is doing with the computer. Suggestions from the passage include: sending e-mail, playing games, watching videos, storing information, or going on the web.

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Suggested answer: Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.

7. *Note to Teacher: See note at the top of the first page.*

Class Discussion Question: Explain why people need computers.

Suggested answer: Answers may vary but students should explain that computers do many things that are helpful to people. Examples from the passage include:

- Computers can send and receive information. This helps us communicate.
- Computers can run games and videos. This helps us have fun and/or can be educational.
- Computers can store information. This helps us organize information and keep it safe.
- Computers can look up information. This helps us learn about different subjects.
- Computers can go anywhere, so we can do these things no matter where we are.