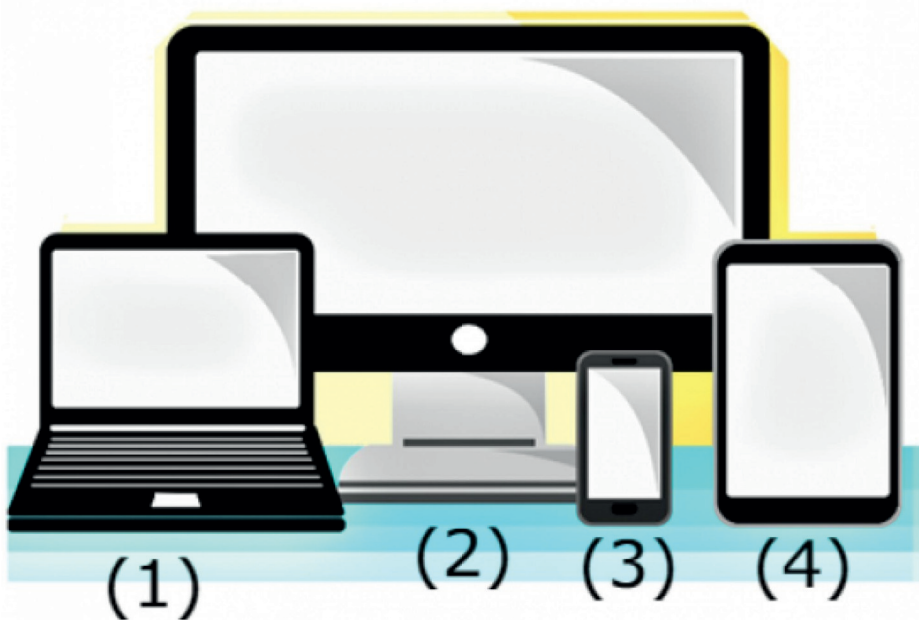




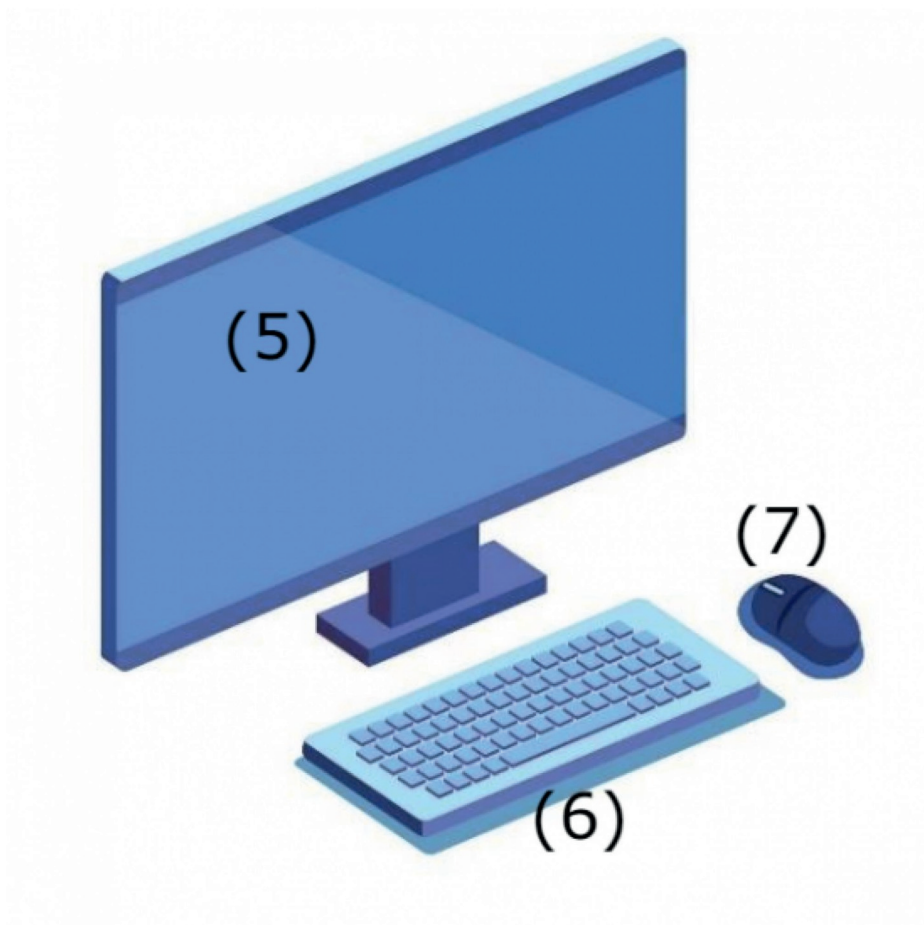
A computer is a machine that works with information. Here are four kinds of computers:

laptop (1)

desktop (2)

smartphone (3)

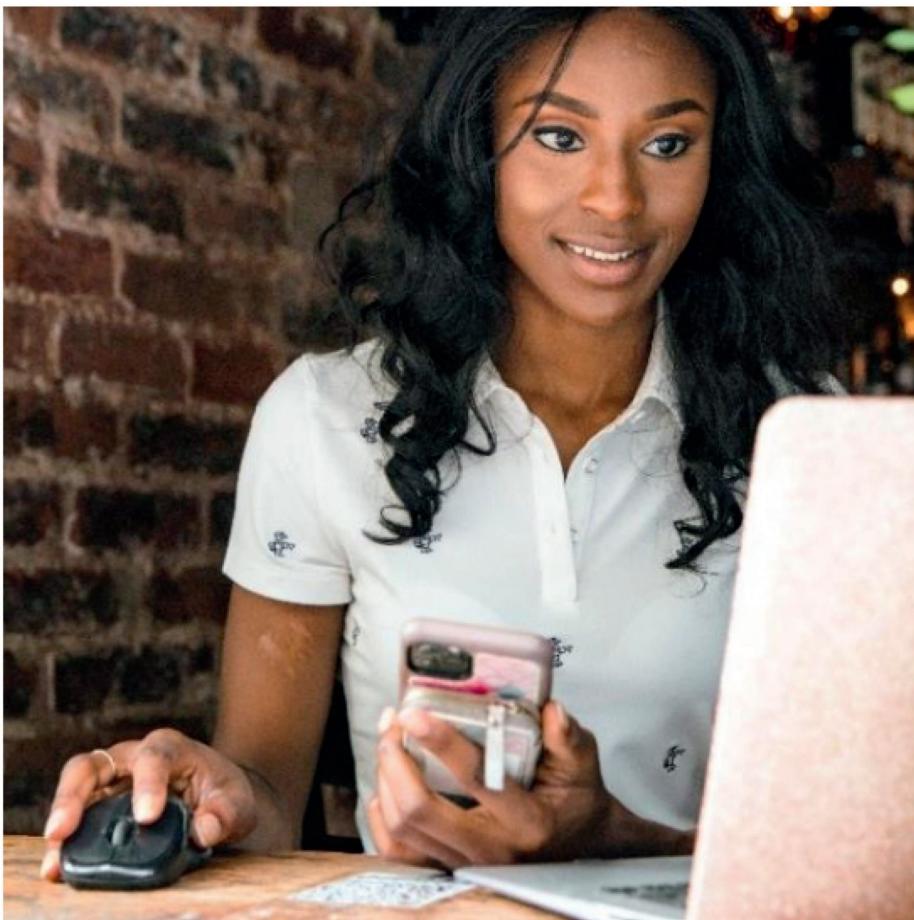
tablet (4)



You view information on a screen (5).

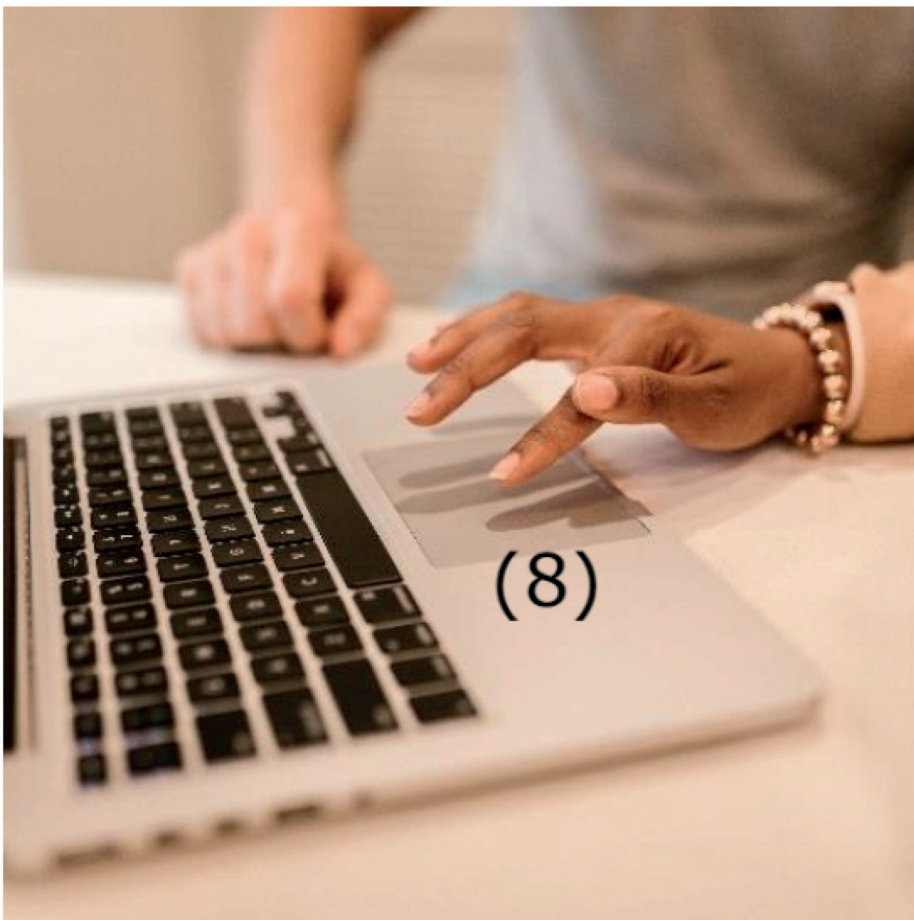
You type information on a keyboard (6).

You use a mouse (7) to guide you around the screen.



You move a mouse while viewing the screen.

You select information on the screen and press and click the mouse with your finger.



Most laptop computers have a touchpad (8) instead of a mouse.

You move your finger across a touchpad.

You press lightly to click on information.



Look at the keyboard and find buttons with:

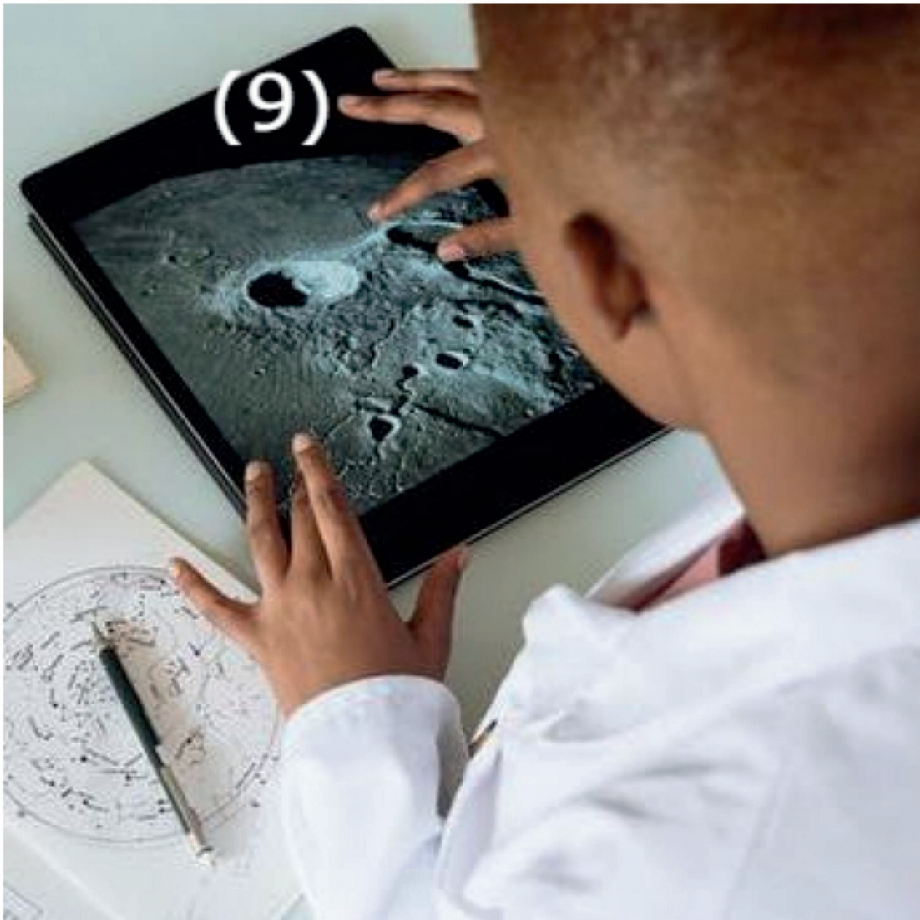
1. letters
2. numbers
3. punctuation

These buttons help you to type information on a computer.



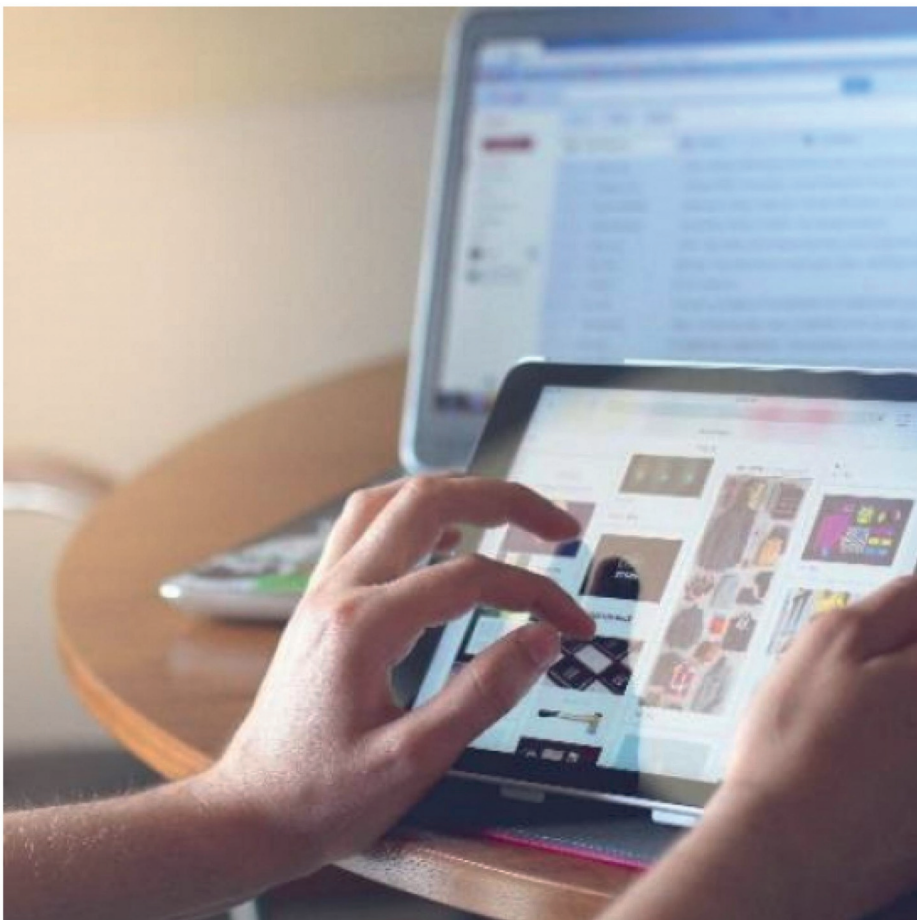
Look at the keyboard on this smartphone.

On a smartphone screen, you can type with just your thumbs.



Some computers have a touchscreen (9). For example, tablets and smartphones.

You use your finger and thumb to work with information on a touchscreen.

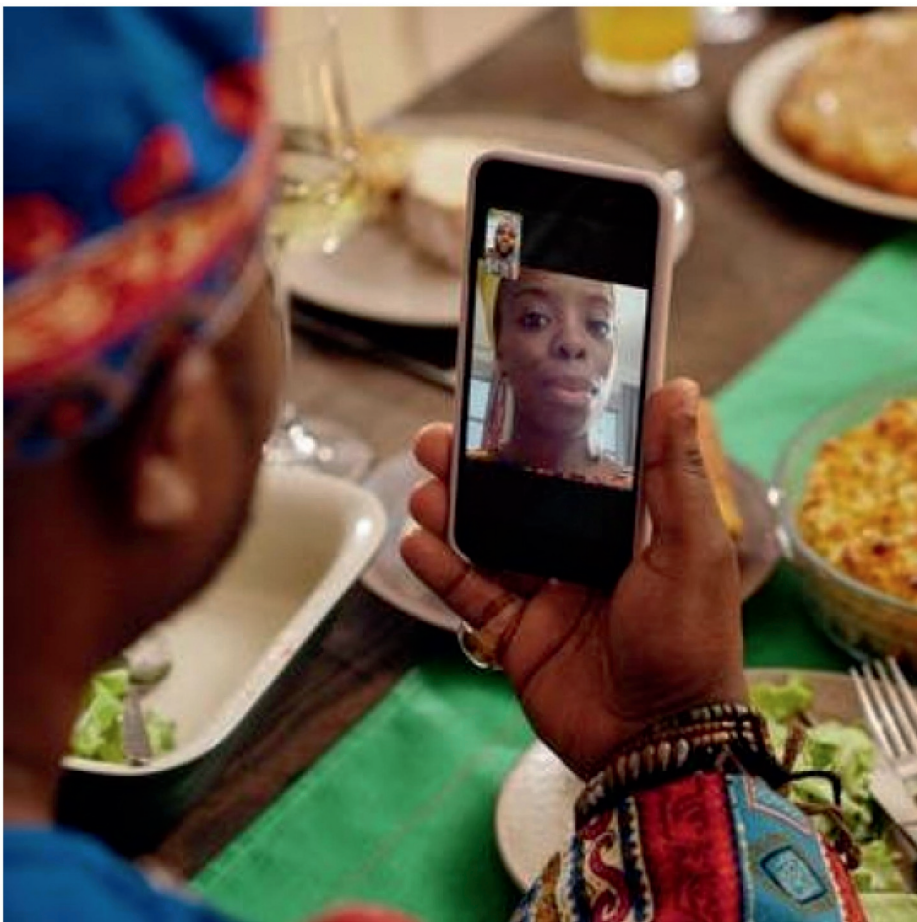


When you move your finger and thumb apart, a picture will get bigger.

Move your finger and thumb together to make a picture smaller.



We use computers for work and study. We use computers to communicate. We use computers for learning and fun.



A device is another name for a computer.

What devices does your family use, and for which activities?



—Questions



1. Copy the picture and label:
a. keyboard. b. mouse. c. screen.
2. How do you use each part:
a. a keyboard? b. a mouse? c. a screen?
3. Who invented the first computer?
4. Find out when the first computer was built.
5. How do we use computers for work?



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