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**Lesson 1: Introductions to Computers**

**Directions:** Launch the Internet and go to [www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics](http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics). Click and Review each lesson under “*Introduction*” to answer the following questions. Raise your hand if you need help.

Section 1. **What is a Computer?**

**Answer in complete sentences**

1. What exactly is a computer?

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1. Explain how hardware is different from software.

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1. List 3 examples of computer hardware.
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2. List 3 examples of computer software.
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3. Write a brief description for each of the following type of computer.
   1. Desktop

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* 1. Laptops

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1. What computer was introduced in 1984 and is made by Apple Inc.?

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1. What computer was introduced in 1981 and is the most common type of personal computer?

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1. *\* Critical Thinking Question:* **Is it a computer that controls the stoplights so people can drive to work? Justify your answer with a detailed explanation.**

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