



## Unit: 4.8

# Hardware Investigators

### Key Learning

- To understand the different parts that make up a computer.
- To recall the different parts that make up a computer.

### Key Resources

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mash**



2Connect



2Quiz

### Key Questions

#### What is the difference between hardware and software?

Hardware refers to the physical parts of a computer or device. The parts inside the computer casing are often called the components. The parts that are attached to the computer case are called peripherals. Software describes the programs that run on the computer.

### Key Vocabulary

#### Motherboard

A printed circuit board containing the main parts of a computer or other device, with connectors for other circuit boards to be slotted into.

#### CPU

The part of a computer in which operations are controlled.

#### RAM

Allows programs to store information to help the computer run more quickly.

#### Graphics card

A printed circuit board that controls the output to a display screen.

#### Network card

An electronic device that connects a computer to a computer network.

#### Monitor

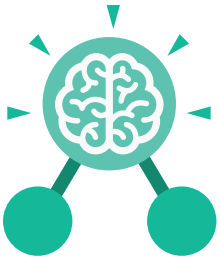
A screen which displays an image generated by a computer.

#### Speakers

A device for letting you hear sounds generated by the computer.

#### Keyboard and mouse

External input devices.



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### Key Images



Motherboard



CPU



RAM



Graphics card



Network card



Monitor



Speakers



Keyboard



Mouse