VOCAB SLIP

Lesson 1.1: The Parts of a Computer System

Keep this in your notebook. It has the 17 words this lesson uses.

Term	What it means
computer system	Hardware and software working together to take input, process it, give output and store information.
hardware	The parts of a computer you can touch, like the keyboard, the screen and the chips inside.
software	The programs that tell the hardware what to do, like a web browser or a game.
input	Information going into a computer, like a key you press or a photo you take.
processing	The computer working with information, like adding up a score or finding a route.
output	Information coming out of a computer, like words on a screen or sound from a speaker.
storage	Keeping information saved, so it's still there after the power is off.
motherboard	The main circuit board inside a computer. Every part plugs into it, and it carries information between them.
CPU	The central processing unit, the chip that follows a program's instructions and does the processing.
memory	The part that holds the programs and information the computer is using right now. It's also called RAM.
storage drive	The part that keeps programs and files saved, even when the power is off.
power supply	The part that changes power from the wall into the power the other parts need.
port	A socket on a computer or device where you plug in a cable, like a USB or HDMI port.
program	A set of instructions that tells a computer what to do.
data	Information a computer works with, like the letters you type or a photo.
input device	A device that sends data into a computer, like a keyboard, a mouse or a microphone.
output device	A device that shows or plays what the computer sends out, like a monitor, a printer or headphones.