

Computer Hardware and Software Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary word with its definition.

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1. boot	a. add more disk space to a hard drive
2. bootstrapping	b. making up instructions to computer when it just starts
3. bus	c. anything connected to the computer but not inside the case (keyboard, printer, mouse)
4. Central Processing Unit (CPU)	d. anything that has no connection to the PC
5. command line	e. anything that allows information to the computer
6. device	f. anything that the PC uses to do its work
7. expansion card	g. software that handles the things you give it after it starts
8. hard-disk drive	h. connects everything together and lets the other parts communicate
9. input device	i. fast temporary storage that the PC uses for what it is doing at the moment
10. monitor	j. instructions for the device you often use
11. Operating System (OS)	k. the way of giving instructions to the computer when you handle the hardware
12. opto-disk drive	l. physical connection between two devices that allow devices to communicate
13. output device	m. provides power to the internal components of the computer
14. peripheral	n. software that provides instructions and information to the hardware
15. power supply unit (PSU)	o. stores information for a computer using a series of magnetic platters
16. program	p. the instructions for the computer with the CPU that controls what the other hardware will do
17. RAM	q. the most important of software handles the low-level hardware instructions
18. software	r. the part that performs the instructions and calculations given by programs
19. storage	s. the software you use to communicate with software that's not internal stuff