

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. putting up software on a computer when it just starts on
3. bus	c. anything connected to the computer but not inside the case (keyboard, printer, scanner)
4. Central Processing Unit (CPU)	d. anything that lets you communicate with the PC
5. command line	e. anything that allows information to the computer
6. device	f. anything that the PC uses to do things on a computer
7. expansion card	g. software that handles all the things you do on a computer
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 hardware other devices
11. Operating System (OS)	k. the way of doing something in the computer which you handle day to day
12. opto-disk drive	l. physical connection between and 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. direct information to a computer using a series of digital or pulses
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