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# Essential Words for Phones, Computers and Internet

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## The Basic Devices

When you talk about technology, you'll need words for the things you use every day. A **phone** or **mobile phone** is a pocket-sized device that lets you call, text, and browse the internet. A **computer** or **laptop** is a larger machine for work and play. A **tablet** is something in between—smaller than a laptop but bigger than a phone. These are all examples of **devices** or **gadgets**.

Each device has important parts. The **screen** (or **display**) is what you look at. The **keyboard** helps you type, and a **mouse** or **touchpad** helps you move a cursor around. The **battery** stores energy to power your device.

Think of it like a living room: the screen is your television, the keyboard is your remote control, and the battery is like the power outlet that keeps everything running.

## Connecting and Sharing Information

To use the internet, you need to **connect**. **Wi-Fi** is wireless internet that sends signals through the air to your device. **Data** is another word for information—words, pictures, videos—that travel between devices. When you **download** something, you're copying it from the internet to your device. When you **upload**, you're sending it the opposite way.

**Passwords** are secret codes that keep your accounts safe. **Accounts** are your personal spaces on websites like email or social media. **Email** is electronic mail—messages sent digitally instead of on paper.

Think of it like mailing a letter: uploading is like putting it in a mailbox, and downloading is like receiving it at home.

## Internet and Online Activities

The **internet** is the vast network connecting computers worldwide. A **website** is a page you visit to find information. You use a **search engine** like **Google** to find

things. **Social media** platforms like **Instagram** and **TikTok** let you share with friends.

**Browsing** means looking around online. A **link** or **hyperlink** is clickable text that takes you to another page. **Streaming** means watching videos or listening to music without downloading them first.

## **Staying Safe Online**

**Cybersecurity** means protecting your devices from hackers and bad code. A **virus** is harmful software that damages your computer. **Spam** is unwanted messages or emails. Being **online** means connected to the internet; being **offline** means disconnected.

Learning these words helps you discuss technology confidently in any language. Start with the devices you use daily, then learn words for the activities you enjoy online.