

Using computers

1 Read the sentences and circle how true they are for you.

1 = very true 5 = not true

- 1 I enjoy using a computer to study.
- 2 We often bring our own devices to class.
- 3 Using a computer helps me to learn.
- 4 I prefer to write on paper than use a keyboard.
- 5 I prefer to read on paper than read on a computer.

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2 Read the blog and the headings in the box in the correct place.

Getting organised • Learning grammar
Learning vocabulary • Listening
Reading • Speaking • Writing



My top tips for using a computer for self-study

Hi! I'm Sophia. Here are my ideas for using a computer to study.

- 1
I always use an online dictionary to find the meaning of new words.
- 2
My teacher sometimes asks us to watch a YouTube video for homework.
- 3
I enjoy reading books on my tablet and newspaper articles online.
- 4
I write the notes from my lessons on the computer and keep them in different folders.
- 5
I sometimes record myself using an app on my tablet or a webcam.
- 6
My teacher sometimes records a video about grammar that we watch at home.
- 7
My teacher often gives us writing homework to do in groups.

3 Tick (✓) the ideas in the blog that you already do. Circle the ideas that you would like to try.

4 Complete the Study tips with *Do* or *Don't*.

STUDY TIP

Computers are very useful for studying, but you need to use them carefully.

- 1 use your computer late at night.
- 2 ask your teacher about useful websites or apps.
- 3 copy information from websites and say it's your work.
- 4 be careful about viruses when you download from the internet.
- 5 try to stop using social media when you are working.
- 6 take regular breaks from your computer.

5 Look at the photos of people using computers. Choose a Study tip from 4 for each person.



6 Make a Study tips poster for your wall with the title *Dos and Don'ts of computer use*. Use the questions below to help you.

Think about these questions and make notes:

- When is it best to use your computer to study?
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- How often should you take breaks?
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- How should you use your computer to study?
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- Which websites are useful?
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- What do you do wrong on the computer? How can you stop?
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