

People Near And Far

Point, Click, and Go



Learning how to use a computer is fun. The computer can help bring your ideas to life with words, pictures, colors, and numbers. You need to take care of your computer by keeping it safe from food and spills. Magnets can also hurt computers and disks, so they should not be kept nearby. *You must complete four of these activities to earn this Try-It.*

1. Making the Computer Work

If you have not used a computer before, ask someone to teach you:

- < How to turn on the computer and start a program you want to use.
- < How to use a mouse to make the computer do the jobs you want it to do. Point, click, go!
- < How to handle disks and CD-ROMs to keep them clean.
- < How and where to save something you create.
- < How to print your work.

How to turn off the computer when you are finished.

2. Computer Language

Learn the meanings of some special computer words and you will have an easier time communicating in our world of technology.

Software	Memory	Database
Modem	Font	Hardware
Cyberspace	Icon	Program

As you hear other new computer words, do some detective work to learn their meanings, too.

3. Playing a game

Lots of games have been made for computers. With the help of someone in your family or a teacher, get a computer game and play it. What do you like about the game? How would you change it to make it more fun? Harder? Easier?

4. Creating

Use a computer to make an invitation to a party, write a thank-you note, or make your own stationery. Print your creation and share it with others.

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