Reading Comprehension

I started using a PC or personal computer when I was in High School. Back then, the average memory size of a computer (how much information it could hold) was only 64 Kilobytes, now they're huge! My computer came with a separate keyboard, a mouse and a black and white monitor. This equipment is also more commonly known as a computers hardware. In those days, it was quite expensive to buy computer hardware. Not many kids at school were as fortunate as I was to own a computer. The hardware for my computer alone cost me nearly $2000. A software is a program that you use to tell the computer what to do. I had all sorts of software, some are games while others help me do my school work. I did my home work on a word processor, a program that allows you to write and edit your work without using pen and paper. After my homework was complete, I would print it out on my dot matrix printer, and have it ready for the next day.

Vocabulary Practice

Personal computer - also known as a PC; a computer designed to be used by one person at a time.

Memory - an electronic memory device.

Kilobyte - a measure of memory size.

Keyboard - a set of keys used for inputting information into the computer.

Mouse - a device used for moving the cursor around on a computer screen.

Monitor - also known as a screen; a device used to display the users input results.

Hardware - the actual mechanical and electrical components of a computer system.

Software - a program used to operate a computer.

Word processor - a tool allowing the user to write, edit and format documents on a computer.

Printer - a device used for printing the results on a computer screen.