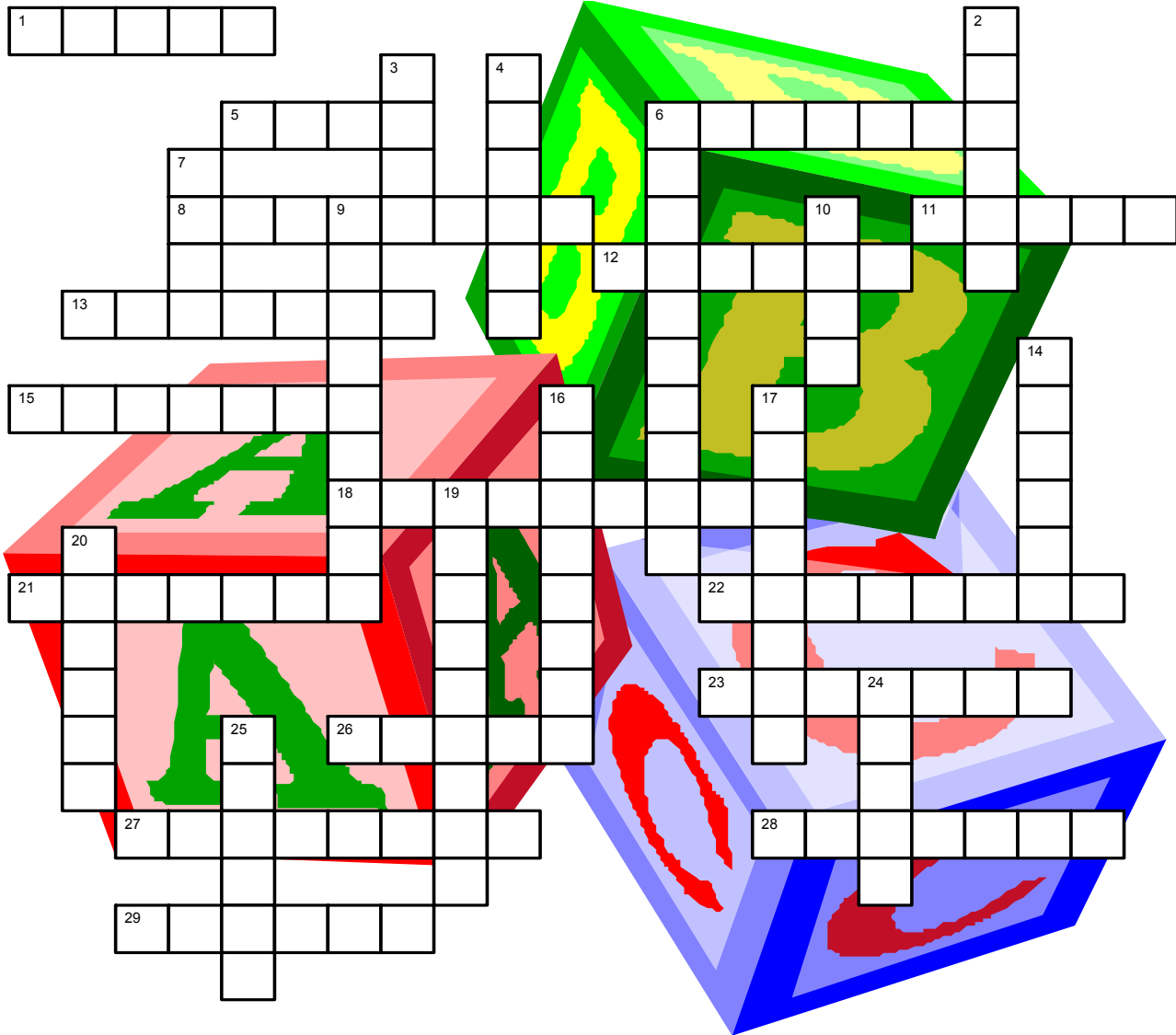


COMPUTER BASICS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Word List

CLICK
CLIPBOARD
CLOSE
COMPUTER
CURSOR
DESKTOP
DRIVE
FILE

FOLDER
FONT
HARDWARE
ICON
KEYBOARD
LAPTOP
MEMORY
MENU

MINIMIZE
MONITOR
MOUSE
PERIPHERAL
PRIMARY
PROCESSOR
PROGRAM
RESTORE

SCROLL
SECONDARY
SELECT
SOFTWARE
TASKBAR
WINDOW

ACROSS

1. The sound the mouse button makes when pressing it
5. An electronic container holding data of some type
6. A process that can run on a computer; for example, Microsoft® Word or Excel
8. A machine that runs programs; it can process work electronically
11. Normally, a unit of physical hardware that can store files of data electronically
12. A frame on a computer's monitor that shows the results from a normally running application
13. A unit of hardware that graphically displays one or more applications running on a computer
15. To return something to an earlier state; for example, to return an application window to its normal size
18. One of the buttons on a mouse that normally opens context-sensitive menus on the monitor; it is usually pressed with the middle finger
21. The panel which appears from one side of the monitor to the other at the bottom of the monitor's screen; it usually contains the Start Button on the left side, and the System Tray on the right side
22. Application programs that run on a computer; these are usually bought at a computer store, and loaded onto the computer to run
23. One of the buttons on a mouse that normally selects something on the monitor's screen; if double-clicked on an application's icon, it causes the application to run on the computer; it is usually pressed with the index finger
26. An action that usually stops or terminates something; for example, this action can refer to making a window disappear on the monitor's screen
27. Usually, a metallic unit that is electrically and physically hard-wired to a computer at some place; for example, a storage device within the computer
28. The graphic display that shows on a monitor when a computer is turned on and begins to run; similar to using table surfaces, or of ink blotters on tables in offices of the past
29. On a computer, an electronic container for files containing data concerning a single topic or category, or files used for a single purpose or task

DOWN

2. Units of hardware that store data only while the computer is turned on and running
3. A graphical list of tasks or applications from which to choose usually displayed by the click of a mouse button
4. An action whereby an item is picked on the monitor's screen and is thereby highlighted in some way differently than other objects on the screen; for example, this action prepares something for formatting in a word processor
6. A unit that is connected externally to a computer to perform some specific task; for example, a printer, or any USB device; the prefix for this word is from the Greek meaning 'around and about' in modern parlance
7. A graphical symbol showing on a monitor's screen or within an application that usually serves as a shortcut to a common process or procedure
9. Known as a CPU, this unit of hardware (along with the power supply) is the heart of any computer; it is the reason why a computer can compute
10. Provides shape and character to letters or symbols typed on the monitor's screen, especially important within word processors or presentation software; for example, it helps provide individual expression in the creation of things like birthday cards and posters
14. This term refers to the blinking vertical bar noticed especially in areas where text might be typed; the term refers to the present position where something entered or input would appear; it is not the same thing as a mouse pointer
16. This action refers to making a window disappear without actually closing it; the opposite action would be to maximize the size of the window making it cover the entire surface of the monitor's screen
17. This unit of hardware allows entry of typewriter symbols to the computer, which the computer can use to start or relay directives to programs; or, for example, place the symbols entered into word processing documents
19. A term that refers to a place in memory that can hold data created by a person or a program so that it can be copied or moved elsewhere in the same application, or into another application
20. A mobile computing device that is smaller, lighter, and easier to carry around than a full desktop computer
24. A unit of hardware that among other things helps position or resize windows on a monitor's screen, selects items for use, opens menus, or helps to move graphical objects in an application; the wire that is attached to some of these devices could be imagined to be its tail
25. The act of moving a window's display vertically or horizontally, sometimes done to see more of what the window can show; most windows provide bars to help with this action, and the mouse can also perform this action if it has a wheel button

