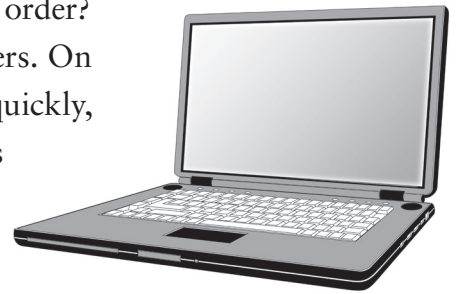


Computer Keyboards

1 Why are the letters on a keyboard not laid out in alphabetical order?

Before we had computers, people had to work on typewriters. On a typewriter, if they hit two keys that are close together very quickly, they would jam. So over 150 years ago people did calculations about which letters often occur next to each other in words, these letters was separated and split up between the rows on the keyboard. The keyboard we use now is called a QWERTY keyboard because _____ were the first six letters on the top row.

Although we don't use typewriters any more, people are so familiar with the QWERTY keyboard, that there _____ changed.



1 Circle the best ending for the text:

will be an outcry if it would be

would be an outcry if it was

would be an outcry if it will be

was an outcry if it was

2 In line 4, add a comma after a connective.

3 Replace a comma with a full stop and a capital letter in paragraph 2.

4 Write a pronoun in the gap in line 8. Choose from:

that

their

they

this

5 (a) Underline all the adjectives about keys in this sentence:

On a typewriter, if they hit two keys that are close together very quickly, they would jam.

(b) Change a pronoun into a noun or noun phrase in the sentence above.

6 In line 6, correct the verb that is incorrect.

7 Underline the nouns in this sentence.

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8 Circle the word that means almost the same as **jam** in line 3:

queue

push

stick

block

9 Use prefixes and suffixes to make two words from the same word family as **calculations** in line 4: _____

1 P
1 mark

2 P
1 mark

3 G
1 mark

4 G
1 mark

5(a) G
1 mark

5(b) G
1 mark

6 G
1 mark

7 G
1 mark

8 V
1 mark

9 V
1 mark

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Total for this test