

Introduction to Computers

## Do I need an

 expensive new computer?

## What computer is best for me?

## Which car is best?



## COMPUTER

- Desktop
- Laptop (notebook)
- They run programs


## INFORMATION APPLIANCE

- Tablet
- Kindle or Nook
- Smart phone
- Smart TV
- Use apps



## Smart phone

- Calls
- Texts
- Email
- Find information
- Camera
- Apps
- Maps / GPS
- Games


Use the phone with a dock


## Tablet

- Watch movies and TV
- Listen to music
- Email
- Type documents
- Find information
- Look at photos
- Read books
- Camera
- Many apps



## Chromebook

- Stripped-down computer
- Like a smart phone with a big screen
- Has a keyboard
- Uses Chrome, Google Drive, Google Docs
- Sync with Dropbox
- Use smart phone apps




## Smart TV

- Find information
- Download movies
- Use the internet
- Use apps
- Type documents

- TV and computer

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## Bluetooth keyboard




## Types of computers

- SmartPhone \$50-\$500
- Android tablet \$80-\$300
- ChromeBook \$150-\$300
- Notebook or laptop \$250-\$500
- Desktop \$300-\$700



## Used computers



## Buying on installments

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## If you have room and money, get a desktop computer



- Easy to fix
- Inexpensive
- Last for 5-9 years

- Repairs very expensive
- Expensive to buy
- Take u[ less space
- Last for 3-4 years

Basic internet for $\$ 10$ a month

Call 1-855-846-8376

## Comcast. xfinity.

$\$ 65$ monthly
After the first year (very fast)

## $\$ 25$ monthly

After the first year (slower)

## Internet



- One paid connection is good for 10 computers
- You can connect to the neighbors for free with permission



## Controlling access to the Internet

- Block evil websites
- Control hours when Internet is used
- The program K9 Bluecoat is free and easy to use. (www.k9webprotection.com)



## Printers



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- Print free at Little House or the library
- Printers are cheap, but ink is expensive


## $\$ 80$

## Saving files

- Save your important files
- Take files to Little House to print
- Share files with friends or family

\$10


## Typing



## How to not catch viruses

- Never download free music. (LimeWire, iMesh, BearShare, Ares)
- Never download pornography
- Be careful on the Internet
- Be suspicious of emails



Tablets and notebooks

iPad
\$400-\$800
Last 1-2 years

Windows
\$250-\$400
Last 1-2 years



