**Types of computers**

Classification of computers by size:

***Super computer***: a powerful computer that can process large amount of data and large amount of computations very quickly. They are used for areas related to science, engineering, and education. They are used also in complex tasks: weather forecasting, climate research, scientific simulation and oil and gas exploration.....

***Mainframe computer:*** a high performance computer and for large information processing jobs, they are used in institutions, health care, large business, financial institutions, insurance agencies. They are useful for tasks related to: industry and consumer statistics, business and e-commerce

***Mini computer:*** a mid range computer that is intermediate in size, power, speed and storage capacity.... Between mainframe and micro computer. They are used by small organizations

This term is no longer used. Now they are often referred to ad: small or mid-size servers

***Personal computer:*** (PC) a small computer designed for use by a single user at a time

A Pc is a micro-computer which comes in many kinds like:

* Desktop computer : it is designed to stay at one location and fits on desk
* Laptop computer(notebook): a portable cuter that is small enough to rest on the user’ lap and can be powered by battery
* Tablet: a wireless touch screen PC that is smaller and weights less than a laptop
* Smartphone: a mobile phone that performs many of the functions of a personal computer

Activity: link the computer with the function: mini computer, super computer, mainframe computer, desktop computer

Small business mini computer

Astronomy super computer

Indian railway reservations mainframe computer

School works desktop computer

Activity:

Circle the best answer:

The computer used for scientific purpose is: micro-computer, mainframe, super computer

Desktop, laptops, tablets are in the group of: micro-computer, super computer

Mainframes are used in: church, school, bank

Mini computers are also called: mid-computer, midnight computer