Two Kinds of Computers: PCs & Macs

In this lesson, you will do the following:

- Watch a video clip about the differences between two types of computers: PCs and Macs.
- Take notes as you watch Marty Furch compare the two computers.
- Answer these comprehension questions after you watch the video.

1. Who makes the Macintosh computers?
2. Is the operating system a part of the computer hardware or software?
3. What are some parts of the computer that are hardware?
4. How are the Mac and PC desktops different?
5. How are the Mac and PC desktops the same?
6. How do you start programs on a PC?
7. Where are the programs on a Mac?
8. Why would people want to buy a Mac computer?
9. Which computer costs more?

The video clip is located on a web page. You will have a choice between “broadband” and “modem” when you go to that web page. Choose “broadband” if you are working on this lesson in a lab or at home with a fast Internet connection. Choose “modem” if you are at home with a slow Internet connection that makes your telephone line busy.

When you are ready to watch the video, click this web address: http://daphne.palomar.edu/video/esl/esl01.htm. You can replay the video as many times as you need.

When you can answer all the nine questions above, you have not only known how different PCs and Macs are but also shown your increased knowledge about computers in general.

Congratulations!