

Understanding The Mouse

Chapter 7: The Mouse · Topic 1

Key Concept

We hold the mouse gently and move it on a flat surface (called a mouse pad or table). As we move it, the pointer (arrow) on the screen also moves.

We use the left button to click and select things, like opening a picture or a game.

Most mice also have a right button, used for showing extra options, and a small wheel in the middle for scrolling up and down a page.

Learning to use a mouse carefully and gently helps us use computer programs smoothly without accidentally clicking the wrong thing.

Quick Revision Notes

- A mouse helps move a pointer on the screen.
- We move the mouse on a flat surface.
- The pointer on screen moves as we move the mouse.
- The left button is used to click and select.
- The right button shows extra options.
- The scroll wheel helps move up and down a page.
- We should hold and move the mouse gently.
- Using a mouse carefully avoids clicking mistakes.

Practice Questions

- 1 Practice moving the mouse to point at different objects on the screen.
- 2 Practice clicking on an icon using the left mouse button.
- 3 Draw a picture of a computer mouse.
- 4 Tell a friend what the mouse helps us do.
- 5 Try using the scroll wheel to move up and down a page.
- 6 Practice right-clicking to see what options appear.