

Switching a Computer On and Off

Chapter 3: Switching a Computer On and Off · Topic 1

Key Concept

To switch on a computer, we press the power button on the CPU and then on the monitor, and wait for it to start.

Once the computer starts, we see the desktop with small pictures called icons that help us open programs.

To switch off a computer safely, we click on the Start or Shut Down button, instead of just pulling the plug.

Switching off the computer properly protects it from damage and saves any work we were doing.

Quick Revision Notes

- We press the power button to switch on a computer.
- We switch on the CPU first, then the monitor.
- The desktop appears with small pictures called icons.
- Icons help us open programs.
- We click Shut Down to switch off safely.
- We should never just pull the plug.
- Proper shut down protects the computer.
- It also saves our work.

Practice Questions

- 1 Practice the steps to switch on a computer (with an adult).
- 2 Practice the correct way to shut down a computer.
- 3 Draw the desktop with three icons.
- 4 Discuss why we shouldn't pull the plug.
- 5 List the steps to turn on a computer in order.
- 6 Talk about what icons you see on a computer.