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For quite a while Tenny’s parents wanted to get him a computer of his own. They asked Shiraz, their neighbour to build one for him. Tenny’s parents gave him the money to buy all the parts at the Computer Store in Port of Spain.
Shiraz got up early Saturday morning and went to the computer store in Port of Spain to get the parts for Tenny’s new computer. Afterward getting the parts he came over to Tenny’s house to build the computer.
When Tenny saw that Shiraz was coming over to build his computer, he stopped playing with his toys and ran to meet him at the door. Tenny was quite excited couldn’t wait to open the boxes Shiraz brought to see the computer components inside of them.
Shiraz opened the boxes and started to assemble the computer system. As he put everything together, he told Tenny the name of each computer component. He also told him what each part does.
Tenny looked in amazement as, for the first time, he actually saw the parts that make up a computer. Looking into the boxes of computer components filled him with great excitement.
The first box they opened contained the Computer Case. The Computer Case stores the main parts of a computer that causes it to work. Many Computer Cases come with a built-in Power Supply. The Power supply helps give electricity to the computer parts in order for it to work.
The Motherboard is the central part of a computer that provides electrical connections for other parts of the computer. It is also called the Mainboard. The Motherboard holds the C.P.U. which stands for Central Processing Unit. The C.P.U. is like the brain of the computer. It is responsible for processing commands and information.
The C.P.U. normally fits in this spot on the Motherboard. Because of the amount of work the C.P.U. does, it tends to get very hot. To solve this problem a small fan is usually placed on top of the C.P.U. to cool it down.
A Harddrive is needed to store information in a computer. Some Harddrives can store more information than others. For computers to operate quickly, they need something called R.A.M. The acronym R.A.M. stands for Random Access Memory. This part of the computer is responsible for how fast a computer does things.
RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY (R.A.M.)

HARD DRIVE (OPEN)

HARD DRIVE (CLOSED)
Computers can have the ability to play different types of CDs, DVDs and Blu-Ray Discs. To do this, a device called an Optical Disk Drive needs to be installed inside of the Computer Case.
There are many different types of Optical Disk Drives. Each of them have different features. Some of them can burn CD’s, DVD’s and Blu-Ray Discs with various kinds of information stored on them. Most can play computer programs others can play Movies.
Shiraz worked hard to make sure Tenny’s computer would be up and running soon. Now and then, Tenny would spend time playing with the empty computer boxes.
As Shiraz continued working on Tenny’s computer, a few other important parts needed to be attached to the Computer Case instead of put into it. The Monitor and Speakers, Keyboard and Mouse. Some of these parts were Input Devices and others were Output Devices.
The Monitor is the part of a computer that displays text and graphics. It is also called an output device. This is so because the Monitor can be used to see information about various parts of the computer. Speakers are also an output device, used to hear various types of sounds on a computer.
Monitors come in different shapes and sizes. Shiraz got Tenny a flatscreen or L.C.D monitor. L.C.D. stands for Liquid Crystal Display. Flatscreen monitors take up less space than regular monitors and use less energy to work.
Two input devices were also connected to the Computer Case. Input devices allow computer users to put information into the computer. The keyboard is used to type words or numbers and the Mouse is used to move to different places on the computer screen.
The Keyboard and Mouse are the main ways in which a person can use a computer to get it to do various things. Just as people use their hands to get things done in real life, the keyboard and mouse are used to get things done on the computer.
Soon enough Shiraz was finished putting together Tenny’s computer. The time went by rather quickly and finally everything was set to go!
At school Tenny was taught to use the computer and had a lot of time practicing on his dad’s laptop. At last he had a computer to call his very own. Tenny spent the rest of the evening playing educational games on the computer and learning more about the Operating System.
THE END
Look out for more stories and adventures with Tenny and Friends!

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Join in on the fun and learn with Tenny and Shiraz as they build a computer from the inside out!