

# Mouse and Keyboard Skills Knowledge Organiser

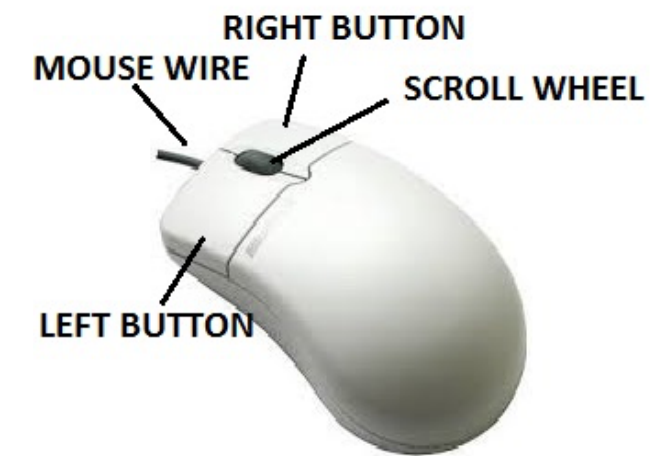


## ? What are we learning about mouse and keyboard skills?

We can control a computer in different ways, including touching the screen on a device such as an iPad or with a keyboard for typing letters and numbers. A mouse or trackpad is used to select and move objects on the screen. The computer mouse is called a mouse because when it was invented, it looks similar to a mouse with a wire (tail). We need a keyboard to type letters and numbers onto the screen. When typing, try to use as many of your fingers as possible to improve the speed.

### Key knowledge

1. Move the mouse or trackpad and left click to select an object.
2. Drag and drop with mouse or trackpad to move objects around the screen.
3. Use double click or double tap.
4. Find letters or numbers on keyboard.
5. Begin touch typing with home row keys.



### Important Vocabulary

<b>Mouse</b>	A mouse is used to select objects and move them around on the screen. Move it around on the desk to control the cursor and click buttons to select objects.
<b>Trackpad</b>	On a laptop, the trackpad is a touch area below the keyboard that controls the cursor on the screen.
<b>Cursor</b>	An arrow on the screen that is controlled by a mouse or trackpad.
<b>Left button</b>	The left button on a mouse or trackpad is used to select objects or hold it down to move objects around (click and drag). Double click the left button to open a file or piece of software.
<b>Scroll wheel</b>	On some computer mice there is a wheel between the buttons that is used to move up and down the page quickly.
<b>Home row</b>	The middle row of letters on a keyboard and where you position your fingers to start typing (pointing fingers on the F and the J)