

Exercise 1. Find the nouns which collocate with the following to match definitions

1. computer _____ – the study of how computers work and what they can be used for
2. screen _____ – a computer program designed to protect a monitor screen from damage
3. disk _____ – the part of a computer that reads information from a disk or records information onto a disk
4. mouse _____ – a piece of soft material that you move a computer mouse around on
5. computer _____ – someone who writes computer programs
6. file _____ – a computer program that organizes computer files into groups and shows you where they are when you need to find them again
7. internet _____ – a system that allows you to use the internet to communicate with your bank, check your account, pay bills, etc.
8. web _____ – a software program that is used for finding and looking at pages on the internet

Exercise 2. Fill the gaps with the words from the box

give come kill guard burn break pick filter

1. Like all natural substances, it is easily _____ down by bacteria.
2. If a piece of electrical equipment _____ out, it gets too hot and stops working.
3. Technicians are working hard to _____ up with a solution to the problem.
4. Reed beds are used to _____ out most of the pollution.
5. When they die, plants _____ off gases such as carbon dioxide and methane.
6. Fibre in the diet is thought to _____ against heart disease.
7. Antibiotics may _____ off beneficial bacteria.
8. I don't think this radio can _____ up foreign stations.

Exercise 3. Match the idioms with their meanings

1. cutting edge
 2. on the same wavelength
 3. a well-oiled machine
 4. rocket science
 5. a litmus test
 6. get your wires crossed
 7. a number cruncher
 8. a safety valve
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- a. a system that operates without problems
 - b. an event, decision, etc. that provides a clear sign of what someone is really like or what their intentions are
 - c. someone whose job involves working with numbers
 - d. become confused when talking to someone because you each think the other person is talking about something else
 - e. the most modern and advanced point in the development of something
 - f. a way of getting rid of strong emotions without harming anyone
 - g. a difficult activity that you need to be intelligent to do or understand
 - h. able to understand the way another person thinks.

Answers

Exercise 1

1. science
2. saver
3. drive
4. mat
5. programmer
6. manager
7. banking
8. browser

Exercise 2

1. broken
2. burns
3. come
4. filter
5. give
6. guard
7. kill
8. pick

Exercise 3

1. e
2. h
3. a
4. g
5. b
6. d
7. c
8. f

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