

A British computer magazine has discovered our computer keyboards could be bad for our health. "Which? Computing" asked a laboratory to check 30 keyboards in its London office for bacteria. The results were shocking, and disgusting. The lab scientists said five of the keyboards they tested put people at risk of illness. One keyboard contained 150 times more bacteria than health officials say is safe. Its test results showed it was five times dirtier than a toilet seat. The researchers said the germs they found could easily cause symptoms similar to food poisoning, such as diarrhea and upset stomachs. They named these illnesses "QWERTY tummy," after the first six letters on the keyboard. The magazine recommended people clean their keyboards regularly to stay healthy and avoid stomach bugs.

The magazine said almost half the people they interviewed cleaned their keyboard less than once a month. Ten percent of people said they never cleaned it. Editor, Sarah Kidner, warned: "Most people don't give much thought to the dirt that builds up on their PC....But if you don't clean your computer, you might as well eat your lunch off the toilet." The main causes of germs and bacteria are crumbs and other small pieces of food that drop onto the keys while workers eat at their desks. Oily fingers from eating potato chips and fries also attract bacteria. Joanne Baxter, a secretary from West London, said she was shocked at this news. "I had no idea that my keyboard could make me ill. I'm afraid to find out what nasty things there are hiding under my keys." she said.

1- Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true or false.

- a Computer keyboards can be unhygienic and make us ill. _____
- b Toilet seats are 150 times more hygienic than the average keyboard. _____
- c Many germs found on keyboards can cause food poisoning _____
- d Typing QWERTY (the first six keyboard letters) helps keep germs away. _____
- e Around fifty per cent of people clean their keyboards each month. _____
- f An editor said eating your lunch in the toilet is safer than at your desk. _____
- g Eating fries while using a keyboard can attract bacteria and germs. _____
- h A secretary couldn't wait to find the bacteria hiding in her keyboard. _____

2- Give an answer to each of the following questions.

a- Did you like reading this article, and why?

b- Do you think we should wash our hands before and after using a keyboard? Give a reason or two.

3- Match the following synonyms from the article:

Answer

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| 1 | discovered | _____ | a | lab |
| 2 | laboratory | _____ | b | stomach |
| 3 | disgusting | _____ | c | sick |
| 4 | symptoms | _____ | d | nasty |
| 5 | tummy | _____ | e | questioned |
| 6 | interviewed | _____ | f | greasy |
| 7 | dirt | _____ | g | found |
| 8 | builds up | _____ | h | filth |
| 9 | oily | _____ | i | collects |
| 10 | ill | _____ | j | signs |

4- Match the following phrases from the article.

Answer

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|----|--------------------------------------|-------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | keyboards could be bad | _____ | a | to food poisoning |
| 2 | people at risk | _____ | b | lunch off the toilet |
| 3 | .150 times more bacteria than health | _____ | c | of illness |
| 4 | cause symptoms similar | _____ | d | under my keys |
| 5 | to stay healthy and | _____ | e | officials say is safe |
| 6 | cleaned their keyboard less | _____ | f | up on their PC |
| 7 | .the [dirt] that builds | _____ | g | avoid stomach bugs |
| 8 | you might as well eat your | _____ | h | bacteria |
| 9 | potato chips and fries also attract | _____ | i | for our health |
| 10 | find out what nasty things there are | _____ | j | than once a month |
| | hiding | | | |

1- **Read the text and answer the questions.**

An incredible video clip on the Internet shows you a picture of how life might change in the future, using glass in new, innovative ways. The video shows how we will wake up in the morning with a giant flat screen on the wall displaying the time and alarm. We won't have curtains — glass in windows will be photosensitive, and we'll be able to set the alarm to lighten them only when we want to wake up. In the bathroom, mirrors will double up as touch screens, so we will be able to read our emails, check the weather and watch videos while we brush our teeth. In the kitchen, we'll be able to cook while we watch the news on the very same surface. Instead of attaching photos to the fridge doors as we do now, we'll be able to download photos from our digital cameras, and watch downloaded videos on the fridge door, too. We already have touch screen phones for video calls. But in the future, we'll be able to place the phone on the interactive worktop and talk to the caller while we cook and wash up. A glass touch screen control panel in the car will make driving to work much easier. At the office, desks will be interactive, and large screens will bring other people in offices around the world, 'into the room' when we need to talk to them.

We won't need to worry about routes or which bus to take at the bus stop, we'll just press our destination on a map, and the route and all information we need will be displayed. We'll be able to download that information straight on to our smartphones.

At home, we'll sit back and watch the world come to life from a 3D TV or read a book on a portable flat-panel reader.

Will all this be reality one day? Of course, some of it has already happened!

1- Why won't we need curtains in future?

2- How will we be able to email while we brush our teeth?

3- How will TV screens be different in the future?

4- How will touch screens help us find our way around a city?

5- Why won't business people need to fly to other countries or cities for meetings?

2- Find words in the text with the following meanings.

- 1- a surface on which pictures and text are displayed _____
- 2- to transfer data from the Internet on to another computerised object _____
- 3- able to lighten or darken depending on natural light _____
- 4- able to exchange information with a machine or computer _____
- 5- directions from one place to another _____
- 6- able to be carried around easily _____

3- Read the email. Then read the sentences and write T (True) or F (False)

To: j.smithfield @ gmail.com

From: enquiries@adelaide.acau

If you would like to come to the university graduation ceremony on 15th July, please download and complete the document sent with this email and bring it to the university office by Friday, 5th July. The offices will be open from Monday, 1st July, from 9 am. At this time, there will be a meeting for students interested in working as assistant teachers on the university summer school programme. There are only a few jobs on offer, so we suggest you arrive early. Please note that all students must wear a scarf in the university colours at the ceremony. You can buy these from the university office and there are a small number available to borrow. On the day of the graduation, we are pleased to welcome Dr Jeff Hoffman to give the welcoming speech at 12 pm, and the ceremony will begin immediately afterwards. A special graduation dinner will be held in the main hall from 8 pm. We remind you that students who do not return any books they have borrowed to the university library by the end of next week will not be able to graduate.

- 1- The university has sent graduation documents to its students by email. _____
- 2- Students must bring the completed documents to the university office before 9 am on Monday. _____
- 3- There are lots of summer teaching assistant jobs. _____
- 4- Students have to wear special clothes for the graduation ceremony. _____
- 5- Most students will be able to borrow a graduation scarf. _____
- 6- Dr Jeff Hoffman will give a speech at the end of the graduation ceremony. _____
- 7- There will be a dinner in the evening. _____
- 8- Students who want to graduate must return all books to the library before the day of the ceremony. _____

Writing

- 1- Imagine you live in a big, noisy megacity. Write an email of 90 words to a friend telling him / her about the advantages and disadvantages.

- 2- Why is respect important in a school community? Write a paragraph of 120 words using the questions below to help you write.

What does respect mean to you? How can respect make learning easier and better?

What is the connection between respect and peace in the school?

Grammar

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

(Simple Present / Present Continuous / Simple Past / Past Continuous / Present Perfect)

My sister _____ (study) medicine in France.

Listen! The birds _____ (sing) in the garden.

I _____ (never/see) a whale before.

They _____ (travel) to Paris when they lost their luggage.

She usually _____ (go) to bed at 10, but last night she _____ (stay) up late.

While I _____ (do) my homework, my brother _____ (watch) TV.

We _____ (be) best friends since we were kids.

Tom _____ (not finish) his project yet.

My dad _____ (cook) dinner every Sunday.

I _____ (see) that movie three times already.

B. Complete with will or be going to:

Look at those dark clouds! It _____ rain.

I think he _____ win the match.

We _____ visit Grandma this weekend. We planned it yesterday.

Don't worry, I _____ help you with your homework.

They _____ build a new school in our area next year.

C. Choose the correct conditional and complete the sentence.

If you _____ (heat) water to 100°C, it _____ (boil).

If he _____ (not study), he _____ (fail) the test.

If we _____ (touch) fire, it _____ (burn).

If I _____ (see) him tomorrow, I _____ (tell) him the news.

If she _____ (eat) too much, she _____ (feel) sick.

D. Write a suitable question for the underlined part:

My brother visited the museum last Saturday. → _____?

She has lived in Spain for three years. → _____?

They were watching TV when I came in. → _____?

He will travel to Canada next summer. → _____?

They usually go to the park on Saturdays. → _____?