

# Computing Grade 5

(Instructional Resource)

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Unit 3 Networks and Digital
Communication
3.1 Network Hardware

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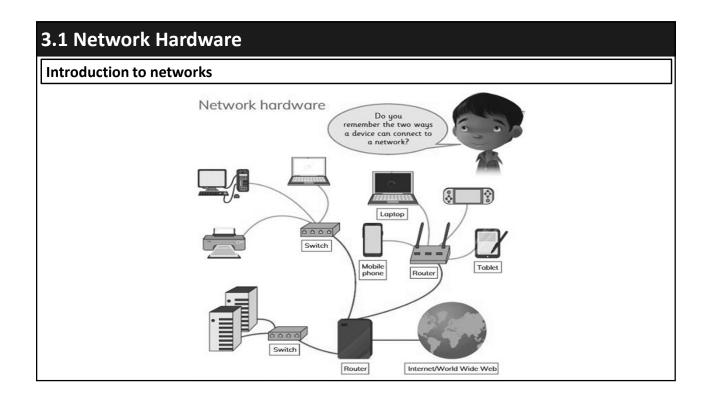
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#### 3.1 Network Hardware

#### Introduction to networks

- A network is a group of computers and devices that are connected to share information and resources. Networks allow people to send emails, share files, play games together, and use the internet.
- A network connects computers and devices to share information.
- Your school uses a network to connect all computers.
- Devices can connect using wires (Ethernet) or wirelessly (Wi-Fi).



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#### **Connecting with Wires (Switches | Routers)**

- Wired connections use cables to link devices in a network.
- A **switch** connects devices in a local network and helps them communicate.
- A **router** connects networks together and sends data to the correct place, like from your home network to the internet.



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## **Connecting Without Wires**

 Wireless networks use Wi-Fi to connect devices without cables. Devices like laptops, tablets, and phones can connect to a router wirelessly to access the internet. It gives more freedom to move around while staying connected.