

5th Grade Technology Applications Terminology

Application	A software program. Common applications include word processors, spreadsheets, multimedia, etc.
Boolean Search	Specific search terms used to narrow a query to an online database; AND, NOT and OR are the qualifier terms
Desktop Publishing	Software application best used for creating documents with text columns, illustrations and other graphic enhancements.
Input	The process of entering information into a computer.
ISP	(Internet Service Provider) A company that provides an Internet connection.
LAN	(Local Area Network) A computer network limited to the immediate area, usually the same building or floor of a building.
NIC	(Network Interface Card) The hardware component that allows the computer to connect to the network. The patch cable plugs into the network card in the back of the computer.
Output	The process of displaying, printing, or storing information produced by a computer.
Processing	Managing data by sorting it, storing it, or changing it in some way.
RAM	(Random Access Memory): Electronic memory that temporarily stores information inside a computer. The data stored in memory is temporary. If you do not save the data, it will disappear when you turn off the computer.
Version	The number that identifies earlier and later releases of software
WAN	(Wide Area Network): A computer network that covers a large geographical area, typically a WAN consists of two or more LANs