Foundation Programme in Literacy, Numeracy and Skills

DIGITAL LITERACY

Teacher's Guide: GRADE 7 - Lesson 4

Input Devices

Core Competency:

Use the computer system to perform various tasks.

Element:

Describe the major components of the computer system and their functions.

Performance criteria:

- Make a list of common input devices.
- Describe the function of each input device.
- Demonstrate the use of input devices in real-life scenarios.

Purpose of activity:

To help students recognise and understand the purpose of different input devices and how they interact with the computer.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

- Identify common input devices
- Describe how input devices work

Resources and materials:

- Computer
- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Microphone
- Scanner
- Touch screen device
- Pictures of input devices

Implementation guidelines:

- 1. Begin with a discussion on how we communicate with computers.
- 2. Introduce the concept of input devices as tools to send data to the computer.
- 3. Show real or pictured input devices one by one (e.g., keyboard, mouse, scanner, microphone, webcam, touchscreen).

- 4. Explain each device's function and let students touch and use the device.
- 5. Ask students to match pictures of each device with their function.
- 6. Discuss which input device is used in common scenarios (e.g., typing a letter, drawing, gaming).
- 7. Present visual material on input devices.



Assessment:

- Activity 1: Label the devices.
- Activity 2: Match the input device to its description.
- Activity 3: Join the dots.

Extension of activity:

- Research less common input devices (e.g., stylus, light pen, barcode reader, QR code reader, joystick)
- Create a poster on how people with disabilities use special input devices.