**Completing a Research Project**

The story below illustrates how two different people use basic computer devices to complete a research project. See how many input, output and storage devices you can spot! – *ChatGPT*

Sarah and her friend Alex are both working on a research project for school.

Sarah is using a desktop computer in her room to gather information from the internet and write her report. She uses a **keyboard** to type in her search terms and a **mouse** to navigate the web pages and select text and images to add to her report.

Alex, on the other hand, is using a laptop computer at the local library where they have free WiFi. He is also gathering information from the internet, but he is using a **touchpad** instead of a **mouse** to navigate the web pages. He is using a **stylus** to take notes on his tablet and a specialised software program to create charts and graphs to include in his report. Sometimes his neck starts cramping from working too long and looking down at his laptop's screen for hours on end.

Sarah uses a word processing program on her desktop computer to write her report. She places her monitor on a few textbooks so it's at eye level. She adds images to her report by copying and pasting them from the internet. She also listens to music while she works by using speakers connected to her computer.

When Sarah is finished with her report, she uses a printer to print out a hard copy to turn in to her teacher.

Meanwhile, Alex is using a specialised software program to analyse the data he has gathered and create charts and graphs to include in his report. He is using a specialised **graphics tablet** to draw illustrations to add to his report as well. He is also using a **scanner** to scan in any physical documents he has gathered.

Once Alex has finished his report, he saves it to a portable hard drive so he can work on it from home. He then uses a presentation software to create a slideshow to accompany his report.