

Week 4 Technology Spelling Terms

- 1. Cable Modem:** is a device used for connecting to the Internet and is much faster than a typical dial-up modem, with a maximum speed up to 30 Megabits per second.
- 2. DSL (Digital Subscriber Line):** is a medium for transferring data over regular phone lines and can be used to connect to the Internet.
- 3. DVD (Digital Versatile Disc):** is a high-capacity optical disc that looks like a CD, but can store much more information. A DVD's storage capacity is 4.7 Gigabytes.
- 4. DVD-RW (Digital Versatile Disk Rewritable):** is like a DVD-R but can be erased and written to again.
- 5. Ethernet:** is the most common type of connection computers use in a local area network (LAN).
- 6. Fiber Optic Cable:** a cable made up of super-thin filaments of glass or other transparent materials that can carry beams of light. Because a fiber-optic cable is light-based, data can be sent through it at the speed of light.
- 7. Floppy Disk:** the actual disk out of the protective casing that is rather flexible. The "disk" is coated with iron oxide and stores data magnetically, just like a hard disk.
- 8. Hard disk:** is a spindle of magnetic disks, called platters, that record and store information.
- 9. Hard drive:** is what stores all your data. It houses the hard disk, where all your files and folders are physically located.
- 10. Input device:** any device that provides input to a computer.
- 11. Laser Printer:** a printer that uses a focused beam or light to transfer text and images onto paper.
- 12. Modem:** is a communications device that can be either internal or external to your computer. It allows one computer to connect another computer and transfer data over telephone lines.