Types of Software

Software is the **programs** which run on a computer system

The program code is executed by and/or controls the operation of the hardware

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- application software

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Application software is software for end-user tasks

This means that it's software that the computer user uses directly

Examples include: word processor; spreadsheet; web browser; computer game; graphics software; media player etc…

- Beware using brand names if asked for types of application software
- Be careful just writing "office software" - check exactly what the question asks for

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System software is used to manage the computer's hardware

It controls the computer. It's the software that lets the computer actually function

Examples include: operating system software; hard drive management; temperature management; disk utility; disk formatting; activity monitors; bluetooth and wifi management etc…

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System software is often (but not always) pre-installed on the system

Application software is often (but not always) downloaded and installed by the user