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**Storing data** - remembering data so that it can be used at a later date

**Processing data** - changing data, including calculations and converting information

**Presenting data** - communicating data

**Inputting data** - entering data to be used

**Data** - any piece of information used by a computer

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1. Complete the cloze exercise (fill in the blanks)
2. Write definitions of:
  - a. Data
  - b. Store - where?
  - c. Process - such as?
  - d. Present - give examples of how
  - e. Input - give examples of how