

3 Memory and storage – Part 2 — Answers

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Work through these after trying the questions yourself.

3.6 RAM.

3.7 It loses its contents when the power is switched off.

3.8 The startup instructions (for example the BIOS).

3.9 An SSD or a hard disk drive (HDD).

3.10 To keep files permanently, even when the computer is switched off.

3.11 The running program was held in **RAM**, which is *volatile*, so it is lost when the power goes off. The saved file is on **secondary storage** (e.g. an SSD), which is *non-volatile* and keeps the data without power.