










Computer Skills: Dragging

Please Note: This lesson has two versions depending on whether you are teaching the children how to use a computer mouse on a desktop computer or a trackpad on a laptop.

Aim: Use technology purposefully to manipulate and retrieve digital content. Children will learn to drag objects in a file from one location to another. I can drag objects.	Success Criteria: I can click on an object to select it. I can drag selected objects with control.	Resources: Lesson Pack Desktop computer, laptop tablet with mouse or laptop tablet with trackpad.
	Key/New Words: Mouse, click, button, drag.	Preparation: Bookmark the weblinks that children will use for the 'Practise' activity.

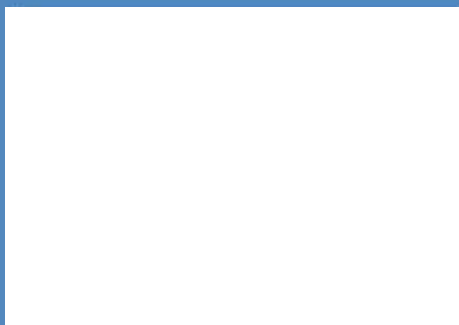
Prior Learning: Children will have practised clicking and selecting specific objects in lessons 1 to 4.

Learning Sequence

	Using a Mouse	Using a Trackpad	
	Mouse Check: Children check how their partner is holding the mouse correctly and if they can recall the difference between a click and a double click. Check that children remember how to hold the mouse, correcting as necessary.	Trackpad Check: Children recap how to move the cursor, click and double click using the trackpad.	
	Drag: Demonstrate how to drag an object with the mouse by holding down the left button and moving the mouse.	Drag: Demonstrate how to drag an object with a trackpad by holding down the left button. Children practise using both hands. Check that children are using the appropriate hand and check the pressure they are putting on the trackpad.	
	Practise: Children practise dragging objects in an appropriate application. One is suggested below, but you may wish to also use your own choice of online activity that uses mouse /trackpad skills. For example, you may wish to use one that is linked to your current topic work. Halfway through the main activity discuss common problems and suggest possible solutions.		
	 Children complete the following activity (available free from Twinkl Go!): 	 Children open a word or paint document to create their own picture. Model how to select and add shapes as well as how these can be arranged.	

Taskit

Practiseit: Children further practise dragging objects using Twinkl Go! digital content such as the or subscription. Please note, in order to access these digital resources you will need an ultimate



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Mouse Check



Can you remember how to hold the mouse?



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Click on the object on the screen and hold down your first finger on the left button.

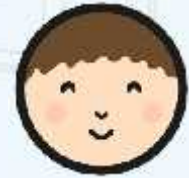
Move the mouse to drag the object on the screen.

click click



Practise

Try this online activity to practise using a mouse.



A screenshot of an educational website interface. The main title is "Parts of a Dog" in large, white, rounded letters. Below the title is a blue banner that says "Labelling Activity". A large, blue, circular icon of a hand with the index finger pointing is overlaid on the screen. In the background, there is a brown dog standing in a green field with trees. The interface includes several white rectangular boxes for labels, some of which are connected to parts of the dog by thin lines. There are also buttons labeled "Check", "Let's Go!", and a speaker icon. The overall background is a light green color.

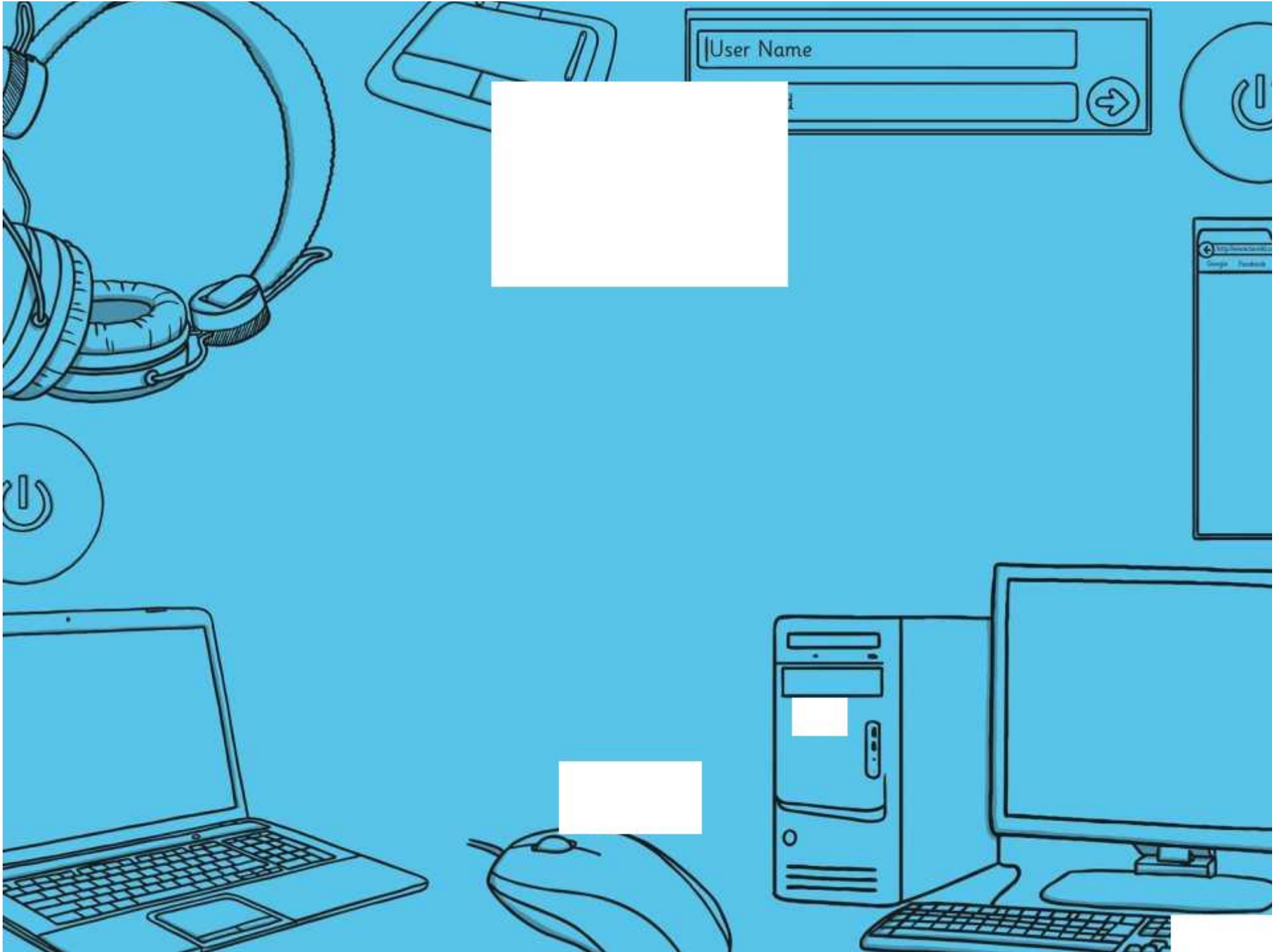
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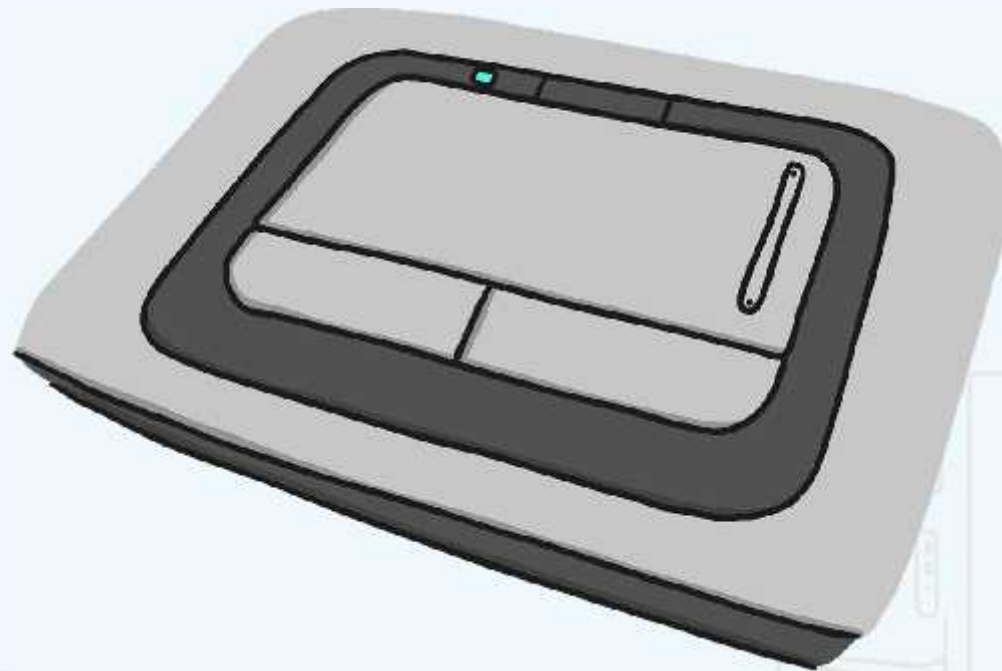
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Trackpad Check



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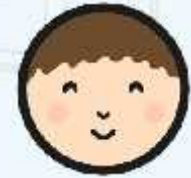
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Click on the object on the screen and hold down your first finger on the left button.

Move your finger across the trackpad to drag the object on the screen.



Practise



Try this online activity to practise using a trackpad.

A screenshot of an educational website interface. The main content area has a light green background. On the left, there are two smaller preview windows showing a dog with various body parts labeled with white boxes. A large white circular icon with a blue hand cursor is overlaid on the center. The main window on the right features a brown dog in a grassy field with trees in the background. The text 'Parts of a Dog' is written in large, white, bubbly letters. Below this, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Labelling Activity' in white. At the bottom of the main window, there is a dark blue button that says 'Let's Go!' in white, and a white rectangular input field below it. In the bottom right corner of the main window, there are small icons for a speaker and a window manager.

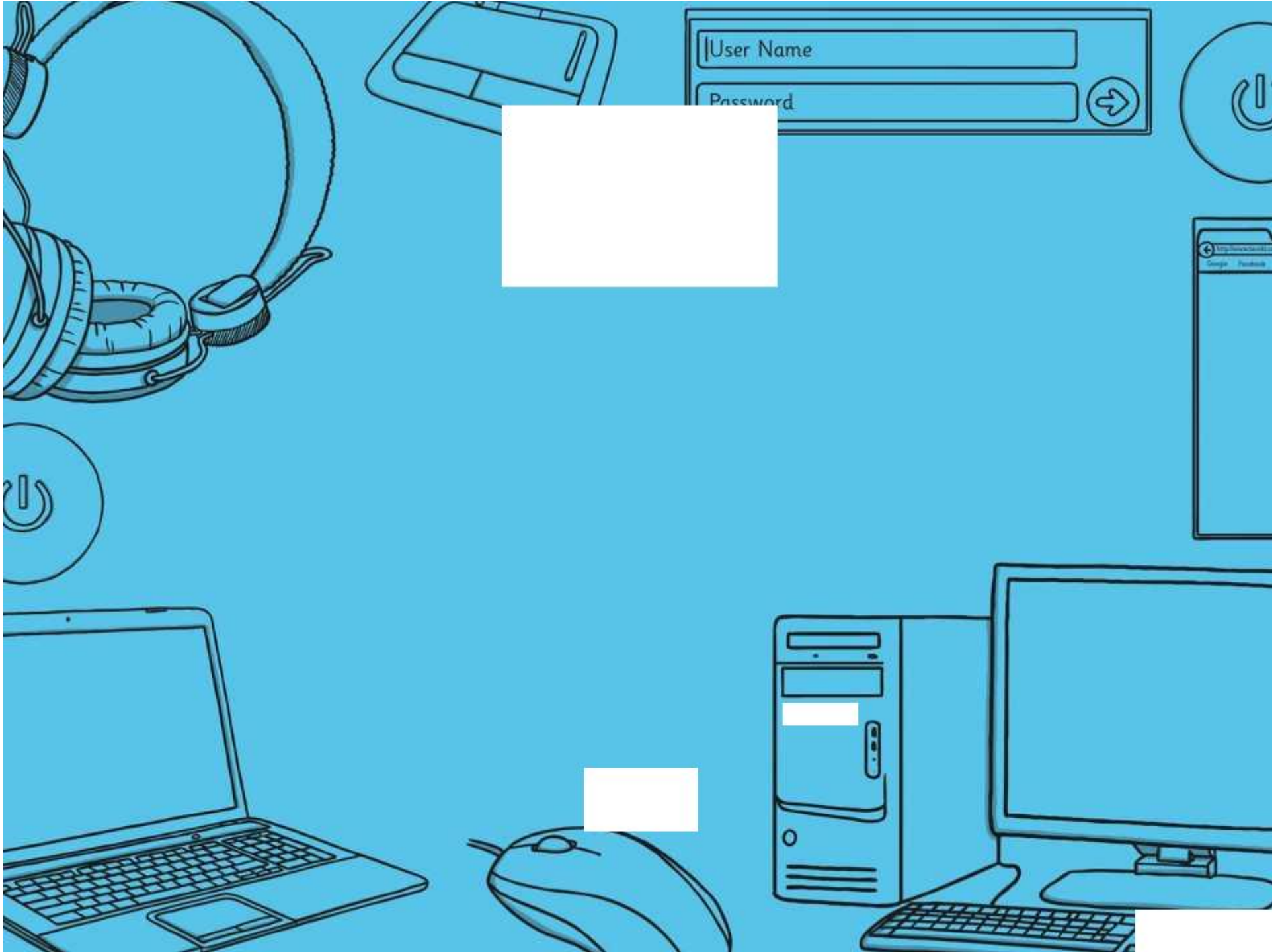
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