Computer as a tool, tutor and tutee

Based on my opinion, considering computer in education, three functions of computer can be identified which are tools, tutor and tutee. First thing first, computer can be a tool in the teaching and the learning process where students able to reach information, get extra facts about anything within few seconds and can find different types of explanation for the same problems. For example, a teacher explains a topic ‘Canteen Day’ in Powtoon where the Powtoon is regard as a tool to teach the students. It simply means, interactive lesson can be provided to the students by using computer as a medium to teach the students. According to Gulick (n.d) teacher can ask the students to type a paragraph of their work onto computer to show how easily ideas can be rearranged, added or deleted. It simply means, interactive lesson can be provided to the students by using computer as a medium to teach the students. Next, the computer can be a very powerful teacher by itself. Taylor (1998) stated that the student can be tutored by the computer for executing program(s). For instance, students can search for information about haze by using search engines such as Google, Pinterest. Com, Youtube and many more. By using the search engines available, the students will be provided with tons of information regarding haze that they seek for. Last but not least, the computer can also be a learner where you can give it set of instructions to do some functions or tasks. Based on Taylor (1980), the human tutor will learn what he or she is trying to teach the computer. This statement can be clearly understood by using Microsoft Excel as an example. A teacher can teach the system how to sort of a set of students’ marks in Microsoft excel where he or she put in information and the system will automatically respond by sort of the students’ marks from the highest percentage to the lowest one.

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