You and the Computer
Complete the following exercises using a computer in your classroom, lab, or home. No other materials are needed.

1. **Change Your Color Settings.** By experimenting with your PC’s color settings, you can determine the settings that work best for you. For example, if you do not plan to browse the World Wide Web or use multimedia products, you probably do not need to use the system's highest color settings; if you do, you need to make sure your monitor's settings are up to the task or you will not get the most from your computing experiences. Before you take the following steps, close any running programs and make sure there is no disk in your system's floppy disk drive.

   A. Click the Start button to open the Start menu. Next, click Settings; then click Control Panel. The Control Panel dialog box appears.
   B. Double-click the Display icon. The Display Properties dialog box opens.
   C. Click the Settings tab. Note the setting in the Colors box and write it down.
   D. Click the Colors drop-down list arrow and choose the lowest color settings. Then click Apply. A dialog box will appear, asking you to restart the computer. Click Yes.
   E. After the system restarts, open a program or two and look at the screen. How does it look? Note your impressions.
   F. Repeat steps A to E, this time choosing the highest color setting. Again, note your impressions.
   G. Repeat steps A to E, and select the system's original color setting.

2. **What Is Your Resolution?** Like the color setting, your system's screen resolution can affect the quality of your computing experience. If your resolution is set too high, text and icons may be too small to view comfortably and you may strain your eyes. If the resolution is too low, you will spend extra time navigating to parts of your applications that do not fit on the screen. Try different settings to find what works best for you.

   A. Click the Start button to open the Start menu. Next, click Settings; then click Control Panel. The Control Panel dialog box appears.
   B. Double-click the Display icon. The Display Properties dialog box opens.
   C. Click the Settings tab. Note the current setting in the Screen area box and write it down.
   D. Click the Screen area slider control and drag it to the lowest setting. Then click Apply. A dialog box will appear, asking you to restart the computer. Click Yes.
   E. After the system restarts, open a program or two and look at the screen. How does it look? Note your impressions.
   F. Repeat steps A to E, this time choosing the highest setting. Again, note your impressions.
   G. Repeat steps A to E, and select the system's original resolution setting.