The mouse receives power from two AA alkaline batteries and sends either infrared or radio signals to the receiver, which transmits data to the computer. A cordless mouse uses a small receiver that inserts into a serial, USB (Universal Serial Bus), or PS/2 port.

Cordless mice, such as this one from Logitech, have become more popular in recent years because they work away from the desktop and eliminate the inconvenience of a mouse cord.

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