

Warning ! Computer at work

I work for a mail order company.
We sell clothes - both men's and women's.
I take 'phone orders from customers.
I both love and hate my computer.
Quite a lot of the time I do love it.
You may find that hard to believe.
But, when my computer works properly, it's great.
It becomes a sort of friend.
You can often impress customers with the speed of it.
But, a couple of weeks ago, we had a new system installed.
Our computers kept crashing.
It took nearly a week to track down the fault.
We had angry customers shouting down the 'phone at us all day.
At times like that, I hate computers.



1. Replace each of these words in the article with another word (or 2) which will fit.
company women's hard properly
friend installed crashing shouting
2. Computer Spell Checks can't help you correct errors with words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings (*homophones*).
Find homophones in the article for each of these words:
male grate four weak knew fined cell
3. Find words in the article which begin with these prefixes:
com- im- in- be-
Add one or two more words with the same prefixes as the words from the article.
3. Describe your own relationship with computers.
4. Write a piece similar to the one above about a bit of technology that you like or dislike.
(e.g. washing machine; car; iron; mobile phone; DVD recorder; TV; cash machine)