

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)