

## Warning ! Computer at work

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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)