Computers

Age Group: Young Adults/ Adults
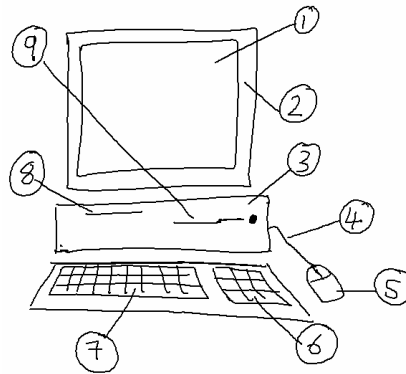Level: Entry 3 and above.
Time: 1 hour
Skill focus: Vocabulary to do with computers
Sub skills: discussion
Materials: A copy of the worksheet for each student.
Curriculum References: **Rw/E3.2a (Understand Key Vocab)**
                         Sd/E3.1d (express views and opinions)

1. Draw something like this on the whiteboard and have students draw it too. Mark it with the following arrows and have students write the correct names on their sheet. This might seem a bit unorthodox as you don't have a worksheet but visual learners will find this extremely helpful when learning the vocab.

   1. Screen   2. Monitor   3. Hard drive
   4. Wire or cable 5. Mouse
   6. Number keyboard (numeric keyboard)
   7. Letter keyboard 8. Disc drive 9. CD drive

2. Have them work out "What's wrong with my computer?" You'll need to pre-teach a lot of vocab such as virus, anti-virus, plug in, plugged, internet provider, crashed, Alter, Control and Delete (keys on the keyboard), Answers below.
   Answer C. 'Get some help' is correct for all the problems.

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H	d	G	b	f	e	A	j	I	c

3. Now you can have a go at the last worksheet. It's a discussion task and they might need the following structures

   In my opinion………………
   As I see it…………..
   That's right because………………
   That's wrong because………………
   I agree (NOT I'm agree)
   I disagree (NOT I'm disagree)

   Students discuss their answers in pairs before feeding back to the class. Answers are subjective but:
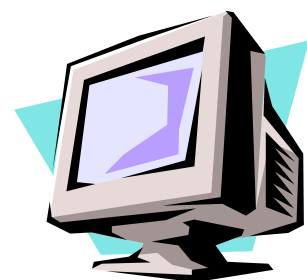   1. Computers cannot think in the same way as humans, yet.
   4. Repetitive Strain Injury causes thousands of problems every year as does eye strain.
   6. True only for some jobs.
   9. Censorship debate.
   10. Garry Kasparov the chess champion was beaten by the computer Deep Blue way back in 1997.

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What's wrong with my Computer?

1. The **monitor** and the **hard drive** don't work.	a) Press *control*, *alt*, *delete* and **shut it down.**
2. The monitor is dark.	b) You need to get a copy of Word on disc and put it in your computer.
3. The **mouse** doesn't work.	c) Ask for help.
4. I can't type a letter.	d) It's not turned on.
5. I can't get the **Internet.**	e) You are putting your disc in the wrong way.
6. The disc drive doesn't work.	f) You need to sign up with an internet provider.
7. My computer has **crashed.**	g) It's not **plugged into** the computer.
8. I think I've got a **virus.**	h) They are not **plugged in.**
9. Nothing works on my computer.	i) Turn it off and turn it on again.
10. It still doesn't work.	j) Buy an **anti-virus** disc.

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What do you think?

Work with a partner to talk about the sentences below, decide if you agree with them or disagree with them.

Question.	Agree	Disagree
1. Computers are cleverer than humans.		
2. The modern world cannot work without computers.		
3. Humans can't live without computers.		
4. Using a computer is bad for your health.		
5. Computers are good for education.		
6. If you want a good job you need to know about computers.		
7. One day the world will be ruled by computers.		
8. Everyone should know how to use a computer.		
9. People should be free to say whatever they want on the Internet.		
10. Computers will never be as clever as humans.		