

## **When Grannies Use Computers**

My grandmother is 76 years old and 5 years ago she decided to take my advice and buy herself a computer. She assured me she could use it, since she had taken typewriting lessons in the past. I giggled and told her that there was a bit more to a computer than typing.

Let me recount some of her adventures: her computer had started misbehaving and crashing a lot, and I told her to bring it to the store so they could take a look at it (I live 9 hours away from her, so I couldn't solve her problems). Thinking she was bringing the computer, she brought the monitor back to the store. The clerk looked at her and asked where the computer was, and she pointed to the monitor. Needless to say the clerk shook his head and my grandmother had to go home to get the 'real computer' as she puts it now.

My grandmother loves to write e-mails. One time she was writing an e-mail to her friend, referring to her sister negatively (something about never visiting enough!), when she accidentally sent the e-mail to the sister in question. She swears she had her friend's e-mail address in the address field, and that somehow the server must have sent it to the wrong person! Her sister's reply was a snappy phone call.

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