

WRITTEN COMPREHENSION: read this text and explain it in English.

Vodafone Bordon customers angry over twoyear signal problems

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Customers say the recurring problems in Bordon date back at least two years

Residents in part of Hampshire say they have been badly treated by Vodafone after two years of signal problems.

Mobile phone customers in Bordon say the latest service outage has so far left them without a signal for 23 days.

Many customers say they were advised to buy a plug-in signal booster, costing £100, which would only work at home.

Vodafone said it had been aware of a problem involving one of its masts since 28 January but bad weather meant it had been unable to fix it. (...)

Roy Waby, who runs a transport business in Blackmoor, said Vodafone had persuaded him, during a period of good signal, to renew his contract, claiming the problems had been permanently resolved.

He said: "It's been ongoing for about two years, which is why people are getting so angry. Vodafone keep coming up with stories about fixing it but it never happens.

"We had two vehicles break down and the drivers couldn't get in touch and we had an issue with the alarm last week and the security company couldn't get in touch with us either.

"It's really starting to have a knock-on effect."

Another resident, Kelly Gardiner, who is 32 weeks pregnant, says she has no means of contacting her husband between 07:30 and 17:00.

She said: "Vodafone have been... actually quite rude at times with one of their operators asking us what we would have done before mobile phones."

Customers who have been unable to resolve disputes through their provider's complaints procedure can contact Ombudsman Services for help.

https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-26256934

WRITTEN EXPRESSION :				
Imagine if you were working for Vodaphone customer service, how would you answer to Roy Waby's complaints? How would you answer to Kelly Gardiner's complaints?				
To Roy Waby :				
To Kelly Gardiner :				

ORAL COMPREHENSION: Watch and listen to the following video and explain it in English:





Abusive Customers - How to deal with them

Youtube : Abusive customers : How to deal with them. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HK1VzEeNvTI

WRITTEN EXPRESSION: write a 100-word long text about one of the following subjects:

SUBJECT 1 : You are a manager at a Mark & Spencer store (it is the equivalent of Monoprix in the UK). The members of your team have been complaining about angry / abusive / rude customers. What would you say to reassure them?
SUBJECT 2: Tell us about a bad experience with a customer that happened to you.