



# Work Experience

un stage = a work placement / a period of work experience  
 un stagiaire = a trainee  
 a six-week unpaid placement

le mot anglais "stage" a des sens totalement différents!

I worked with a firm of subcontractors specialising in car equipment  
 They produce a range of electronic machines  
 the R&D [Research and Development] department  
 I used CAD [Computer Aided Design] equipment

my tutor / supervisor...  
 I worked on my own  
 The staff were very friendly

I was in charge of sthg / V-ing  
 I had to reorganise the warehouse  
 My job consisted in reorganising...  
 I was asked to reorganise...  
 They made me reorganise  
 I carried out a study of the production line

I think it was a great experience  
 It gave me first-hand knowledge of life in a factory  
 It forced me to master new skills  
 It was not exactly as I expected [it to be]  
 Contrary to what I expected, I didn't get any pay!

... et ajoutez ici le vocabulaire spécifique à votre activité:

## Talking about your work experience

- ❖ **INTRODUCE**
  - yourself (*studies, future plans, ...*)
  - the company (*type of activity, location, assets, problems*)
  
- ❖ **EXPLAIN** how you prepared your work experience.
  - how you chose / found the company;
  - what you expected from this experience.
  
- ❖ **DESCRIBE**
  - your activities.  
 (*Did you analyse a problem? Did you create / improve something? What tools did you use? What were your working hours? Did you work on your own or in a team?*)
  - the problems you had to face (*technical problems, human relationships, ...*)
  
- ❖ **ANALYSE** the results
  - for the company (*Will they use what you created? Did you change their way of working?*)
  - for yourself:
    - in terms of professional skills (*What did you learn / improve?*)
    - in terms of personality: what qualities did you develop (*self reliance, team-work, creativity, ...*)?
    - what you liked and didn't like.
    - Has it changed your attitude? your vision of working life? your choice of a career?
  
- ❖ **CONCLUDE** by deciding if it was a positive / negative experience.