



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.