



...SO WHAT DO YOU DO?

# What do you do?

Spot the difference:

A. What do you do?  
Im doing a training to become an IT specialist in  
application development/ system Integration

B. How do you do?

How to you do?

C. How are you?

Im fine, thanks. Youreselfe?

E1

## Jobs in IT !

These job titles got mixed up somehow. Find perfect matches:

a) IT system electronics technician	2	1) Programmierer
b) application developer	7	2) IT-Systemelektroniker
c) software engineer	4	3) SAP Berater
d) web designer	5	4) Softwareentwickler
e) SAP consultant	3	5) Webdesigner
f) management assistant in IT	9	6) Auszubildender
g) network administrator	7	7) Anwendungsentwickler
h) programmer	1	8) Netzwerkadministrator
i) trainee	6	9) IT Kaufmann

Berufsausbildung = vocational traning / apprenticeship

Schulische Berufsausbildung = off-job-training

Betriebliche Berufsausbildung = training-on-the-job

Beschulung in Tagesklassen = ...on day release

... nach Blockplan = ... on block release

E2

## Listening !

Pamela is describing her job, listen and try to answer the following questions:

- What does Pamela do? project manager
- Where does she work? Soft Consult
- What does she think about her job? likes her job, but very demanding
- What does she say about a typical working day? finding what the customer needs; >8hours work; work with people; plan the budget; travels sometimes;

## TALKING ABOUT YOUR JOB

Hello, my name is Pamela. I work for *Soft Consult*, an international consultancy company, as a project manager. **What I do is** lead a team of programmers, systems analysts, technical writers and trainers. **Our aim is** to complete software projects for our customers. **I am responsible for** finding out exactly what the customer needs and for delivering the finished system on the right date.



I like my job, although it's very demanding. You have to be able to work with people, and to take decisions. You have to work out the costs, timescale and budget of the project, and there's a lot of trouble if you get these key issues wrong!

Of course, you need to know about IT and you need some experience in working on software projects. I, for example, studied IT and then worked as an assistant on a lot of projects before I became a project manager.

My typical working day is hard to describe, because I don't have a nine-to-five job where I do the same things every day. When a project is running well, I can take a bit of time off, but often when there are problems I work more than eight hours a day. Sometimes I travel a lot if the customer is abroad. That can be very interesting, but it means I am away from home for days at a time. I spend much of my time in meetings and I sit for hours every day in front of my computer screen, so I really need exercise in my free time. I go to the gym at least twice a week.

At present, I'm working on an e-commerce project. In fact, this week we're doing some benchmark tests and I'm organising the on-site training scheme, which will start next week.

### **E3** Comprehension:

Find the English translation for the following:

- a) Man muss Entscheidungen treffen können. You have to be able to make decisions
- b) im Ausland abroad
- c) zur Zeit at the time/currently/at present/ these days/recently/lately
- d) Kernkomponenten / Schlüsselbelange key issues
- e) sich ein bisschen frei nehmen (to) take a bit of time off
- g) etwas verläuft nach Plan something goes as planned/...going according to plan/ ...is running well/ ...is running on schedule
- h) ein geregelter Arbeitsalltag a nine-to-five job

5.) Für gewöhnlich laufe ich zur Arbeit. Aber diese Woche fahre ich mit dem Rad.  
I usually walk to work. But this week I'm riding my bicycle.

Gareth ..... **writes** ..... (write) programs for Unix systems. At present he ..... **is working** ..... (work) on site for a company in Liverpool and ..... **is staying** ..... (stay) in a hotel there. Oh no! Look! He ..... **isn't working** ..... (not – work), he ..... **is climbing** ..... (climb) a tree because an angry pimp on a donkey with a horn fastened to its forehead **is chasing** (chase) him.

## Describe your job!

$$flex(i)time - vacation - fun$$
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