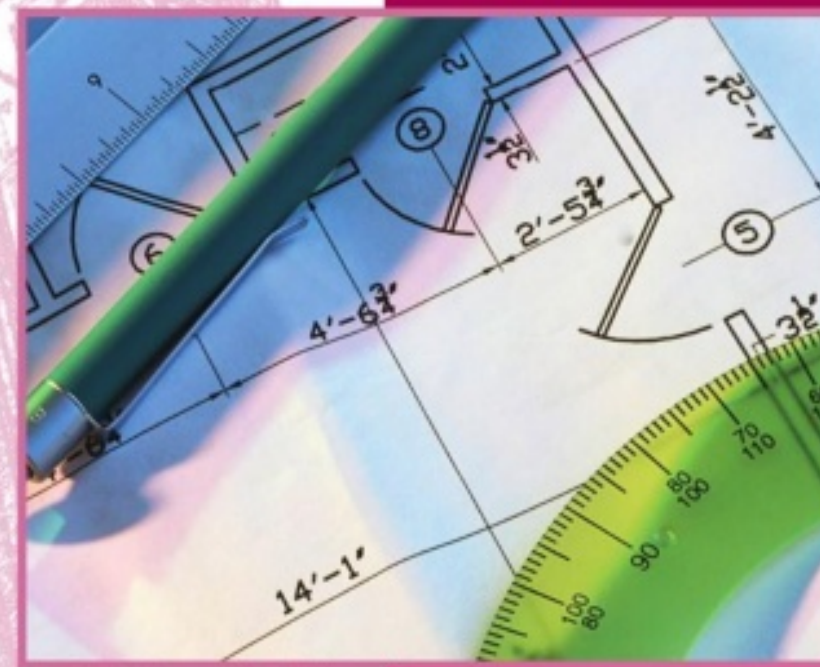


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The construction industry

- introduce yourself and others
- talk about jobs in the construction industry
- describe types of construction
- understand a house plan

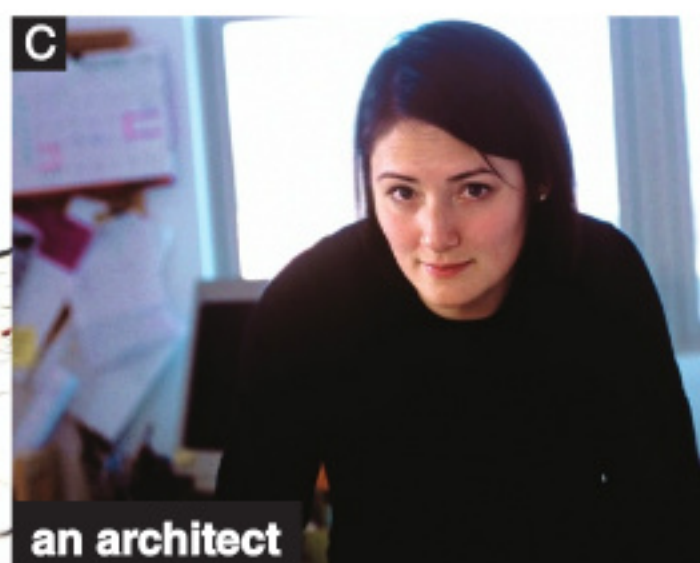
Introductions



a building inspector



a roofer



an architect



a crane operator



a plumber

Vocabulary 1 Match photos A–E to texts 1–5.

- 1 Hello, I'm Kamal Boukhaled, from Morocco. I'm a plumber. _____
- 2 I'm Isabelle Roux, from France. I'm an architect. _____
- 3 Hi, my name's Santiago Cruz. I'm from Venezuela. I'm a crane operator. _____
- 4 Hi, I'm Karol Nowacki. I'm from Poland. I'm a roofer. _____
- 5 Hello there. My name's Jun Takahashi. I'm from Japan. I'm a building inspector. _____

Listening 2 02 Complete these conversations. Then listen and compare your answers.

- 1 Jun: Hi! I'm Jun Takahashi, from the Ministry.
Isabelle: Hi, Mr Takahashi. (1) _____ Isabelle Roux. I'm from (2) _____. I'm the architect on this project.
Jun: Ah, I'm a building (3) _____.
Isabelle: Pleased to (4) _____ you.
- 2 Karol: Hi! Karol Nowacki.
Santiago: Santiago Cruz.
Karol: What do you do, Santiago?
Santiago: I'm a crane (5) _____. And you?
Karol: Me? I'm a(n) (6) _____.
- 3 Kamal: Hi! My (7) _____ is Kamal Boukhaled.
Santiago: Hi, Kamal. I'm Santiago.
Kamal: (8) _____ are you from?
Santiago: From Caracas, Venezuela.
Kamal: Ah, Caracas. A beautiful city. I come from (9) _____.
- 4 Kamal: Hello. (10) _____ name's Kamal Boukhaled.
Karol: Hi, Kamal. I'm Karol Nowacki. And this is Isabelle Roux.
Kamal: Hello, Isabelle.
Isabelle: Pleased to meet you.
Karol: What do you (11) _____, Kamal?
Kamal: I'm a plumber.
Karol: I'm a roofer. And Isabelle designs buildings.
Kamal: She's a(n) (12) _____?
Isabelle: Yes, that's right.

Reading 3 Read this text and underline the verbs.



Harun Rashid is 35 years old. He comes from Alexandria, but lives and works in Cairo.

Harun is a general contractor. He hires subcontractors to work on building projects. He also organises the material and equipment. Harun has a lot of experience in the construction industry.

Harun always works hard. Sometimes he has meetings with clients. Sometimes he visits construction sites. And sometimes he deals with suppliers. He is always busy.

But Friday is different. Harun never works on Fridays. Friday is a day off.

4 Correct these sentences.

- 1 Harun Rashid is a plumber. _____
- 2 He hires clients to work on building projects. _____
- 3 He has a lot of experience in the tourist industry. _____
- 4 He never visits construction sites. _____
- 5 He always works on Fridays. _____

Language

Present simple: be

We use be to say who somebody is or what something is.	<i>I'm Santiago Cruz. He's Harun Rashid. This is a construction site. We're roofers.</i>
We use be to ask personal questions.	<i>What's your name? My name's Karol.</i>

Present simple: regular verbs

We use the present simple to talk about routines, permanent situations and general truths.	<i>We work in an office. Water freezes at 0°C.</i>
We use adverbs of frequency and time expressions with the present simple.	<i>Harun Rashid never works on Fridays. They work every Saturday.</i>

Speaking 5 Work in pairs and introduce yourselves. Use this model to help you.

A	B
Hi!/Hello./Good morning.	Hi!/Hello./Good morning.
I'm _____./My name's _____. What's your _____?	I'm _____./My name's _____. I'm from _____. And you?
Pleased to meet you. Where are you _____?	
I'm from _____.	

Finding out more

Listening

1



Listen and repeat the letters of the alphabet.



The alphabet

A, H, J, K

B, C, D, E, G, P, T, V, Z (American English)

F, L, M, N, S, X, Z (British English)

I, Y

O

Q, U, W

R

2



Listen and write the surnames you hear.

1 Robert _____

2 Carlos _____

3 Sasha _____

Speaking

3

Work in pairs. Student A look at the information on this page. Student B look at the information on page 68.

Student A

Read the letters to Student B. Write the letters Student B says. What do the letters mean?

HVAC rpm AC JCB

HVAC = heating, ventilation and air conditioning

rpm = revolutions per minute

AC = alternating current

JCB = JC Bamford Excavators Limited (a construction equipment manufacturer)

4

Practise this conversation with your classmates. Write the names.

A

What's your name?

How do you spell that?

Thank you.

B

Jun Takahashi.

My first name is Jun – J-U-N.

My family name is Takahashi –
T-A-K-A-H-A-S-H-I.