



Unit 38 – Applying for a job

Task 04

Announcer: Listen to Armin, who is calling the human resources department of a company abroad.

Mr Smith: XYZ Construction Limited, HR Department, Smith speaking. How can I help you?

Armin: Hello Mr Smith, my name is Armin Bauer. I'm calling from Austria. I saw the ad on your website in which you're looking for a form-worker. I would like to apply for the job. Could you possibly give me some more information?

Mr Smith: Well, you're from Austria you said. Why do you want to work in a foreign country?

Armin: I guess I'm ready to jump in at the deep end. After four years of apprenticeship, I successfully passed my final apprenticeship exam a year ago and became a skilled bricklayer and form-worker. I have learned a lot at my present company, but now I would like to have the new challenge of working in a totally different country. I'm young and **enthusiastic**, so, isn't this the right time to do this?

Mr Smith: However, you don't have any work experience apart from working at the company who trained you?

Armin: Yes, that's right, but I passed my final exam with distinction and did some additional practical courses during my apprenticeship. In addition, my father runs a small construction business and he has always tried to involve me as much as possible.

Mr Smith: All right. Your English sounds quite good.

Armin: My level of understanding and speaking is B1. I have certificates that prove this level.

Mr Smith: Hmm. Interesting. Well, I'm looking for someone who is able to work independently. He should be flexible and have a strong willingness to work hard. Do you think you can fulfil these requirements?

Armin: Yes, sir, I am **confident** I can because I am a very **motivated** person.

Mr Smith: All right, then send your letter of application and your CV to me personally and refer to our telephone conversation. I'll have a look at them and get back to you.

Armin: I'll do that right away. Thank you very much for the conversation today. Good bye.

Mr Smith: Good bye!