



Unit 15 – Working together on the building site

Task 07

Announcer: Listen to a foreman's description of his working day.

Paul: Hi, my name is Paul! I'm a foreman on a building site in Lower Austria. At the moment, I'm in charge of 25 skilled workers, apprentices and unskilled workers.

My job can be quite challenging some days. On the one hand, the site agent gives me instructions and pushes me to stay within the time schedule. I can understand this, since there is a lot of money involved in the project and the building owner wants it to be finished on time. On the other hand, materials are sometimes delivered too late or from time to time my team members misunderstand some instructions. So, we have to be even quicker to make up for the delays.

Do you want to learn more about my tasks? Well, this morning, I checked the building materials that were delivered to the building site. At the same time, I had to organize the removal of materials. Right after that, I discussed the daily work to be done with my team members. Today, we are building some brick walls in section C. Then, the site manager came by for a short meeting. He wanted me to give him a short overview about the work done on site. I had to instruct an apprentice on how to lay concrete. Luckily, I found a skilled worker to take over. Then we did some levelling and measuring according to the drawing. In the evening, I checked the work done by my team.

Well, you see it's a busy job but it's also fun to see that a project is done properly. If you want to become a foreman yourself – well, go for it!