



Unit 5 – My working day

Task 09

Announcer: Lisa is a journalist working for a regional newspaper. For a special report she has collected a number of statements describing the working days of apprentices in the construction industry. Listen to her report.

Lisa: Mara is going to be an architectural draughtswoman. She lives in Salzburg. Her flat is only ten minutes away from her office. She gets up at seven o'clock, has a healthy breakfast and at a quarter to eight she is on her way to the office. Although she is working in the construction business, she is happy to spend her working days in a warm and comfortable office. Her working hours are from eight to five with half an hour's lunch break. Moreover, there is plenty of time for her friends in the evening.

Paul is an apprentice floor layer. At the moment, his company is laying flooring in a huge hospital in Vienna. For the time being, they usually start at 6 o'clock in the morning. Work has to be finished in three weeks, so they have a lot of pressure. Some of Paul's colleagues also work during weekends. Paul is happy that this is not allowed for apprentices. He is looking forward to working in private houses again.

Jim is training to be a joiner. He loves his profession since his father has the same job. His working place is at home. This makes it possible to get up 45 minutes before he starts working. He loves the flexibility of his working day and the excellent lunch prepared by his mother.

Kevin wants to become a drywall builder. He lives in a small village about 50 minutes away from Graz, by bus. The building site he is working on at the moment is in the centre of Graz. He has to get up early every day, no later than 4.30 a.m. This is why he is quite tired in the evening. He enjoys the weekends, when he relaxes and goes out with friends.