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Here is the same text but you have to complete it with the right words. The first letter is given, as is the number of letters for each word to be written.

**Tony:** Look Jenny! There's my f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_! Quite a modern c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ isn't it! Ah, we're in luck, the bus is stopping. I'll show you: there, just in front of the round building, is the w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . There are over 1000 p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ coming and going every day, can you imagine? That's for the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the r \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and hazardous p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ like aerosols. Oh yes, aerosols can be very dangerous! On the left are the administrative building and the canteen. And on the right is the s \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ . Oh yes, there are plenty of m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which sometimes b \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ , an a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ for filling the bottles. That's where my w \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ are. One day, I'd like to be a foreman, with more responsibilities. Further on, you can see g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , in the lab. Sometimes I go there in my b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . You really need to pay attention there, you have to be able to see the slightest d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , and take samples, it's very important. By the way, do you know that in your shampoo there are no less than 10 ingredients! And there are 40 in my aftershave! Come and see me in the factory one day, and I'll show you. After all, it's easy to get here, the bus stops right outside!

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### Assembly line operator

**Tony:** Mmm... your shampoo is *Silk Moon*! How do I know? Hah! Because I make it!  
My name's Tony. And yours? Jennifer... You don't believe me? It's true though. I work for Cosmex, the factory near the University. Is it hard to work in a factory? Not really! And where I am, the atmosphere is really good. We eat at the staff canteen with some of the managers. It's a bit like a big family, you know. We work shifts. Sorry? You don't know what shifts are? Well, one week we work from 7 to 2.30 and the next week we work from 2.30 to 10pm. Oh, you soon get used to it. Today I was on the early shift, obviously. I've come here early because I have to leave early. I'm working early tomorrow morning! I get up at 6... No, we don't just make shampoo! We also make lotions, sun cream, beauty lotions, face cream, cleansers... everything you need for a lovely skin, like yours!

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**A few words relating to an assembly line operator's work:**

*Here is a text using a lot of words from the list. Read it carefully, as you will have to use the same words afterwards.*

|               |                     |                 |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Assembly line | Break               | Break down      |
| Company       | Defect              | Downtime        |
| Factory       | Finish              | Machine         |
| Maintenance   | Pallet              | Part            |
| Product       | Protective clothing | Quality control |
| Raw material  | Robot               | Safety          |
| Shifts        | Shop floor          | Storage         |
| Team          | Warehouse           | Workstation     |

I enjoy working there. Anyway, I was never very good at school, so I didn't have much choice... And at the workshop it's not too noisy, and it's not dirty either – not like in the factory where my mate Jeff works, where they make engines. And there are all sorts of nice smells! They're different with each workstation! I change every two hours. It's less monotonous and it avoids doing the same job over and over again, with the same movements... I go from putting bottle caps on to packaging and then putting the products in boxes for transport. You wouldn't recognise me! I wear a really clean white coat and a little cap to cover my hair, that's for hygiene, you know. Yes, the workshop staff are mostly women.

If you take the last bus to go back to town, I can show you the buildings, because it goes right past them.

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*In a similar line of work, Tony could also have been:*

**foreman – fitter – metalworker – machine operator – assembler...**

**Tony:** Look Jenny! There's my **factory**! Quite a modern **company**, isn't it. Ah, we're in luck, the bus is stopping. I'll show you: there, just in front of the round building is the **warehouse**. There are over 1000 **pallets** coming and going every day, can you imagine? That's for the **storage** of the **raw materials** and hazardous **products** like aerosols. Oh yes, aerosols can be very dangerous! On the left are the administrative building and the canteen. And on the right is the **shop floor**. Oh yes, there are plenty of **machines** and **robots** which sometimes **break down**, an **assembly line** for filling the bottles... That's where my **workstations** are. One day, I'd like to be a foreman, with more responsibilities. Further on, you can see **quality control**, in the lab. Sometimes I go there in my **breaks**. You really need to pay attention there, you have to be able to see the slightest **defects**, and take samples, it's very important. By the way, do you know that in your shampoo there are no less than 10 ingredients! And there are 40 in my aftershave! Come and see me in the factory one day, and I'll show you. After all, it's easy to get here, the bus stops right outside!