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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.

Ludovic : Yes, Mr Clintwood, I see: you want me to design a website for your new film. Yes, I understand, it's going to be a magnificent film! We'll make a magnificent s _ _ _ too! Right. So you've noted down a few ideas. Great. It's all on your m _ _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _ . Perfect, we'll take a look. Just let me plug the stick in and your f _ _ _ will appear on the s _ _ _ _ _ . Ah... my c _ _ _ _ _ has a problem. What is your o _ _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _ _ ? You don't know. A b _ _ , you say? No, no, I'll take a look at the s _ _ _ _ _ . Ah the w _ _ _ _ _ opens, so it's working. I'll make a b _ _ _ - _ _ of your file straight away on my d _ _ _ d _ _ _ _ . There. I have your instructions, some photos of the film, and a video ! That's great! I'll make you a project to match your work. A quotation? Of course! I'll send it to you as soon as possible by e _ _ _ _ . You have difficulty receiving your emails? You'll have to contact your s _ _ _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ _ ... or perhaps it's your r _ _ _ _ _ ? You'd like me to come and take a look? Yes, I can probably do that... But then, I'm a computer scientist, not a repairman Mr Clintwood. You're in a hurry to get back to the set. Ok, I'll be in touch very soon!

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Computer scientist

Ludovic: Sorry, no Monty, I can't invent a video game for you! It takes specialists to do that: a project manager to coordinate the team, game designers to develop ideas, programmers who are skilled in the languages required to develop a game, computer graphic artists to create the graphics and animators to animate them... and many more! No, my work is for example to create websites, specific programs for companies or applications to manage databases... or maybe the installation, management and maintenance of networks. I know quite a few programming languages, of course, because I have to work on a number of very different projects.

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What does it involve? Well, the service company that employs me sends me to a company (sometimes even to a private customer). There, I have to find out the needs of the people who will be using the program, their obligations and their restrictions. Then I design the program, test it and sometimes I train the users in the application that I have created. I take care of maintenance if there is a problem. I can tell you I work very long hours! I often work late in the evenings, and sometimes at night to finish in time! It's lucky I'm single, because working with computers and a family don't go well together!

How long will it last? What? Being a computer programmer or being single?

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

consultant Internet – database administrator – systems and network administrator – game designer – computer graphics artist – 3D graphics animator – webmaster – developer – systems analyst – networks engineer – computer repairman – IT teacher...



A few words relating to a computer scientist'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.

Back-up	Bug	Computer
Database	Disk drive	DVD
Email	File	Information technology
Internet	Internet service provider	Keyboard
Language	Memory stick	Mouse
Network	Operating system	Peripheral
Program	Router	Screen
Settings	Site	Window

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