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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.

Bernard: Hello you young people! I'm sure you like chips, pizza and pasta! But as your biology teacher has just said: you mustn't forget your f _____ and y _____ for a balanced diet. I'm going to show you a video of my f _____ and you'll see how small s _____ become, say, tasty tomatoes or maybe delicious chips! A farmer's life is governed by the s _____. Look, here we're in March and I'm preparing the s _____ so that it gives a good y _____. I imagine you've seen farm m _____ like this... This is a p _____, for turning over the earth, to a _____ it. There I'm applying natural f _____. Then you have to do the d _____, here. This is s _____ using automatic machines, I'm sure you have all seen that in the f _____. Now, why do you think I'm showing you a close-up of a ladybird? Anyone know? Well, these little insects – like many others too – eat the parasites that could destroy my c _____. Useful, eh? That way, I can avoid using c _____. It's the same for fertiliser. I'm an o _____ farmer, you see. Here you can see the h _____, in August. And here are my dairy cows! Working with l _____ is a year round job. And every day, too: feeding them and milking morning and evening. Here, I've brought you some vegetable boxes to take home. And remember: without c _____ crops, like wheat, there would be no pasta or pizza!

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Farmer

Bernard: Hey there Mr Winegrower! Nice to see you! A tasting in your cellars? With pleasure! The weather has been kind to us this season, hasn't it? Not like last year's drought! Still, that's better than floods! When I think of my cousin who works in a glasshouse... he's not bothered by weather, for himself nor for his crops. But I don't think I'd like to work all the time in the heat and damp, I prefer the open air! Anyway, last year my harvest was half what it usually is. And since I don't own my land (I'm a tenant farmer) you can see my problem! Lucky I've still got my dairy cattle! So I had to find a solution: I started up a bed and breakfast in one of the buildings. Green tourism works well, and it's fun. My wife manages it all. I don't have time, what with the work in the fields with my two farm workers, the suppliers, the choice of crops for the next year, the accounts, generally running the business, you know what I mean! Luckily, we have the farmers' cooperative, so we can lend each other a hand from time to time.

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I'd never go in for intensive farming! Yes, I know, they use fertilisers and pesticides that comply with all the regulations. I take risks, but one risk I won't take is to use products that might be harmful to consumers, to my land or to the environment. In fact, I've been organic for 3 years now. No indeed, it's not that simple, and the regulations are very strict, that's for sure! Mind you, even before that, at harvest time, I worked weekends and often at night. But just look at these beautiful potatoes! And this beetroot! That's my reward! Here, take this box of tomatoes. I bet you don't often eat tomatoes like that! And come back in autumn, I'll show you the B&B. By the way, you know I organise school visits to the farm? Tomorrow I'm going to a school to talk to a class about my work!

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

agronomist – fish farmer – tree grower – cereal grower – farm machine operator – market gardener...



A few words relating to a farmer'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.

Aerate	Breeding	Cereal
Chemicals	Crop	Drilling
Farm	Fertiliser	Field
Fruit	Harvest	Livestock
Machinery	Organic	Pesticide
Planting	Plough	Season
Seedling	Soil	Spraying
Tractor	Vegetable	Yield

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