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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.

Richard: Here, don't worry! Waiter, bring us two house cocktails please! You know, this job doesn't just involve s_____ the p_____ and their c_____ or s_____ and p_____. Of course, in a p_____, you need strict c_____ to avoid tensions, conflicts, suicide attempts, e_____ or even r_____. You have to maintain o_____ and d_____, including in the v_____ r_____ during v_____, in the w_____, or during e_____. It's for the prisoners' own s_____ too you know. But I also try to listen to them, help them psychologically as much as I can, make all the administration easier. And I help them with their r_____. What I really want to do is to specialise and become a sports instructor. It's important that they get plenty of sport in a p_____ e_____. Are you leaving already, Miss? But you haven't touched your drink!

Well! I wonder if she has something to hide!

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Prison warder

Richard: You look worried, Miss... May I offer you a drink? Problems with a colleague? Yes, that often happens. Just yesterday I was having a fairly tough discussion with an officer about one of our... inmates. Of course, our role is to ensure security but there also has to be the humane aspect. Naturally, when we're on our own to supervise a whole floor with 60 prisoners, you have to be careful. And yes, it requires a lot of self-control. It's not easy to stay calm when there is a lot of agitation or even rebellion. And you have to make the right decision and act quickly! That's why I make sure I keep fit at the gym next door. In case I have to intervene, you understand...

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That's right, I said "the prisoners". Oh yes, I forgot to say! I am a prison officer. Or prison warden if you prefer. So it's not an easy job by any means... But the tasks are varied during a working day, like supervising the provision of meals, distributing the post, supervising cultural activities, sports, counselling the inmates, supervising their work, and so on. We encourage them to be active. We try to balance authority with understanding and compassion. We also have to be able to communicate, to establish a dialogue. We offer care and support, and make sure their rights and personal dignity are respected, as well as their personal responsibility.

But you look very pale, Miss! Am I upsetting you? Don't think we don't care about the welfare of the prisoners!

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In a similar line of work, Richard could also have been: a prison governor– a teacher in a prison– a security officer – a probation officer – a security guard – a community care worker...



A few words relating to a prison warden'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.

Cell	Control	Counselling
Crime prevention	Discipline	Escape
Exercise	Imprisonment	Inmate
Key	Offender	Order
Patrol	Penitentiary	Prison environment
Prisoner	Rebellion	Rehabilitation
Safety	Search	Surveillance
Visit	Visiting room	Workshop

Richard: Here, don't worry! Waiter, bring us two house cocktails please! You know, this job doesn't just involve searching the prisoners and their cells or surveillance and patrols. Of course, in a penitentiary, you need strict control to avoid tensions, conflicts, suicide attempts, escape or even rebellion. You have to maintain order and discipline, including in the visiting room during visits, in the workshops, or during exercise. It's for the prisoners' own safety too you know. But I also try to listen to them, help them psychologically as much as I can, make all the administration easier. And I help them with their rehabilitation. What I really want to do is to specialise and become a sports instructor. It's important that they get plenty of sport in a prison environment. Are you leaving already, Miss? But you haven't touched your drink!

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