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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.

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*Recycling sorting line operator*

**Kevin:** Kind of long, this waiting, isn't it? Have you got stage fright too? I have, even if I know very well it's only for a small role... Oh no, I don't want to be an actor! If I'm chosen, it'll be a bit of extra money... Otherwise, I work for RECYCLE-IT sorting household waste products. An ecological job? You bet! It's really important to sort waste, you know, starting with the consumer! After that is when I come on the scene, at least for plastic packaging. I don't deal with paper or metal. Those are recycled separately. In the same plant though.

What happens to it all? Well first the waste is collected. The different bins or bags are brought to us, at the sorting centre. The contents are emptied out on to conveyor belts. That's where I come in, for plastics. There are five of us who sort it all ... That's right. Because all you consumers, you don't always sort it correctly! I don't mean you personally, of course!

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### A few words relating to a sorting 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.*

Category	Collection	Compacting
Container	Conveyor belt	Dustbin
Environment	Landfill	List
Manual sorting	Material	Observe
Packaging	Paper	Pollution
Processing	Product	Recycling
Separation	Skip	Sorting line
Treatment	Waste	Waste sorting

So I take anything that's not on my list off the conveyor belt and put it into the containers next to me. And all that goes to landfill. We find all sorts of things in the so-called sorted waste you know! Babies nappies, syringes... oh yes, we have to be extremely careful and we wear protective gloves, but even so! Only last week, someone found a hand grenade from the last war! The line stops, the staff are evacuated, bomb disposal unit called out, you can't imagine! But we also find some nice surprises... last year, for example, I found three hundred euro notes stuffed into a plastic milk bottle! It was a nice little windfall, I can tell you!

Ah! I think it's my turn. Oh help! Wish me luck!

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

***Assembly line worker – urban cleaning and maintenance operator – eco-advisor – eco-toxicologist – hydraulic engineer – coastal environment protection officer - water treatment operator – river maintenance operator – forestry worker – environmental affairs manager – ecologist – sanitary engineering inspector – operator in an incineration plant – waste manager in a company – technician in pollution measurement...***

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