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1 An international industry

Kick off

Main oil producers



1 Study the map and discuss the questions.

- Where is your country on the map?
- Which regions are these countries in?

a Algeria	e Malaysia
b Brazil	f the UAE
c Canada	g the UK
d Kazakhstan	h the USA
- Can you name ten more oil-producing countries?
- Do you know the words to describe the nationalities for those countries?

EXAMPLES

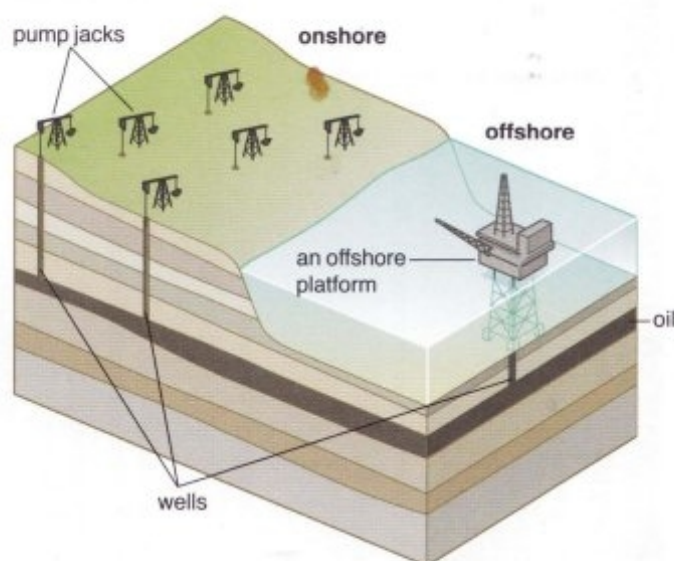
an Algerian worker

a Brazilian oil company

2 Read the sentences about the UK. Make sentences about your country.

- There is a big oil and gas industry in the UK.
- There are oilfields and gas fields.
- There are many offshore wells.
- They are in the north and the east.
- There are not many onshore fields.
- There is a big onshore field in the south.

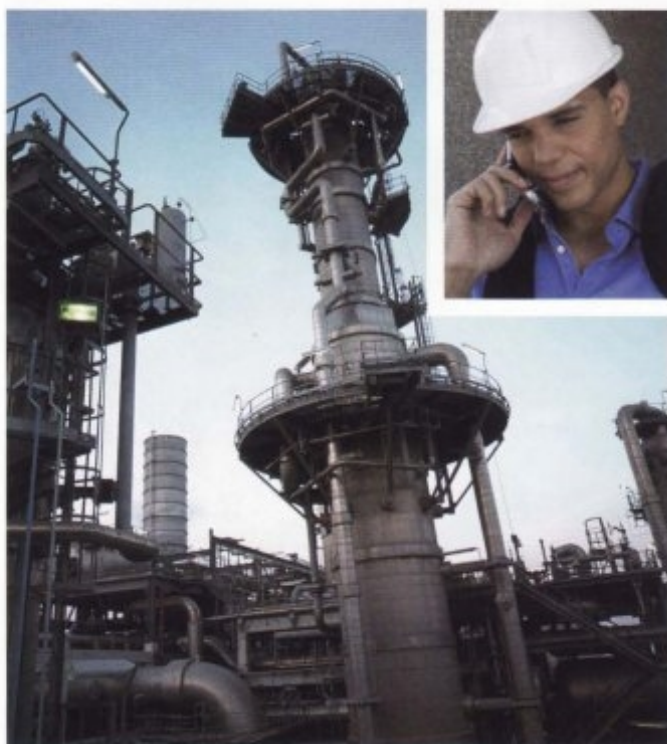
An oilfield



It's my job

- 1 🎧 Khaled Saleh is a technician in a big oil company. Where is he now? Listen and tick (✓) the correct boxes.

the USA ☐ the UAE ☐ plant ☐
inside ☐ outside ☐ control room ☐



- 2 🎧 Read the questions. Then listen again and answer them.

- Why does he like his job?
- Is he inside or outside today?
- How many technicians are in his team?
- How many men are outside with him?
- Where are they from?
- How do they speak to the control room?
- What nationalities are there in the company?

- 3 Talk to Khaled. Make sentences like this:

Hello. My name's ...

I'm from ...

I like working inside / outside.

I like working in a big / small team.

I like / don't like speaking English.

Now tell your partner.

In this unit

- the oil and gas industry: countries, locations, companies, employment
- a / an / the, the verb be
- spelling names and words aloud
- talking about numbers
- talking about tools and equipment

Language spot

a / an / the

Khaled is **a** technician in **an** oil company.

There's **a** man in **the** control room.

Khaled speaks to **the** man by radio.

the UAE, India, **the** US, and Japan

>> Go to **Grammar reference** p.118

Read the staff list and complete the sentences with *a, an, the*, or *nothing*.

Oxonoil

Technical Department – staff list

Manager: John Smith (UK)

Technicians: Lars Larsson (Norway)

Greg Ford (US)

Pierre Dupont (France)

- Oxonoil is _____ small oil company.
- John is _____ manager in the company.
- John is _____ manager of _____ technical department. He is from _____ UK.
- Pierre is _____ technician in _____ department. He is from _____ France.
- Greg is _____ American technician.

Pronunciation

- 1 🎧 Listen and repeat.

1 A, H, J, K

4 I, Y

7 U, Q, W

2 B, C, D, E, G, P, T, V

5 O

3 F, L, M, N, S, X, Z

6 R

- 2 Say the letters in alphabetical order.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- 3 Work in pairs. Ask and answer.

1 How do you spell your first name?

2 How do you spell your family name?

- 4 Ask and answer about words on this page.

EXAMPLE

A How do you spell team?

B T-E-A-M.

Br E	Am E
zed	zee

Br E

Am E

store

store room / stock room

Number talk

1–199

- Count 1–25 around the class.
- Count in tens: 10, 20, 30, etc. to 90.
- Study the information and say the numbers.

How to say numbers

Telephone and reference numbers

01238 = oh one two three eight

(0 = oh or zero)

Quantities

13 = thirteen 30 = thirty 33 = thirty-three

100 = a hundred (or one hundred)

101 = a hundred and one

- Say these numbers.

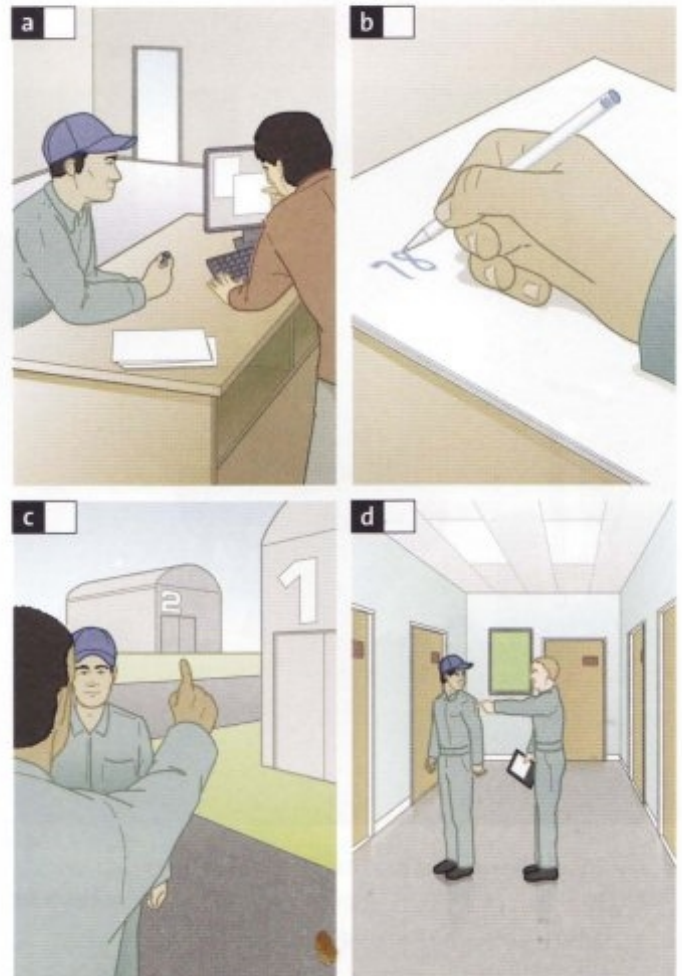
Reference and phone numbers	Quantities
a 	e 
b 	f 
c 	g 
d 	h 

- Work in pairs. Student A, write four numbers between 100 and 199. Student B, say the numbers.
Change roles: B writes and A says the numbers.
- Repeat 5 with four telephone numbers.

Listening

Conversations

- Listen to four conversations. Number the pictures.



- Listen again and complete the information.
 - The store is in building _____ in room _____.
 - The technician needs _____ bolts.
 - The part number is _____.
 - His employee number is _____.
 - The store phone number is _____.
- Look at the listening script on p.125.
 - Do you understand it? If not, ask the teacher.
 - Work in pairs. Practise the four conversations.
 - Choose useful words or phrases to learn.

Useful phrases – getting repetition

Could you say that again, please?

Sorry?

What's that again?

Br E

Am E

spanner

wrench

wrench

adjustable wrench

Vocabulary

Tools and hardware

- 1 Which of these do you have at home?

a a screwdriver



e a wrench



b screws



f a bolt



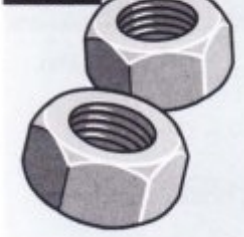
c a spanner



g an electric drill



d nuts



h washers

Speaking
Checking

- 1 Look and listen. Then practise the conversation in pairs.

A What's in the box?

B There are some bolts.

A How many?

B Twenty.

A Good. What's the part number?

B PD790.

A What's that number again?

B PD790.

A The list says PD798. They're the wrong bolts.



- 2 Work in pairs to find what's wrong (three things). Student A, go to p.106. Student B, look at these items and answer Student A's questions.

Box 1



Now look at this list.
Ask Student A *What's in box 2?* Find four things that are wrong.

Items	Part no.
120 bolts	B984
12 screws	R4197
140 nuts	N3521
140 washers	W3521

- 2 Practise this conversation.

A What's this in English?

B It's a screwdriver.

A What are these?

B They're washers.

- 3 Work in pairs. Point at the pictures, covering the labels, and have similar conversations.

Reading

Employers

Read about the UK. Is your country similar or different? Write S (similar), D (different), or ? (I don't know) on the right.

Employers in the UK

Some countries have a national oil company (NOC), but there isn't an NOC in the UK. There are three other kinds of employer:

- 1 Operating companies. These are IOCs (international oil companies) with famous names like Shell, Aramco, and ExxonMobil. They operate the wells and plants. There are smaller operating companies too.
- 2 Drilling companies. The operating companies usually employ drilling companies for drilling wells. Some are foreign companies.



Drilling for oil

- 3 Service companies supply equipment and technical services to the other companies. They also do special work, such as underwater work. There are a lot of service companies.

You can find a job with all these companies in newspapers, government job centres, and on the internet.

Similar in
my country?

Project

Work in small groups. Find out about some oil and gas employers in your country.

Ask people. Look on the internet.

Write a few sentences about them. Use these cues.

- 1 Company name
- 2 Information about the company

USEFUL WORDS

big / small

IOC / NOC

foreign / local

operating company / service company

- 3 Other information

Language spot

The verb *be*

>> Go to **Grammar reference** p.118

- 1 Study the tables in the *Grammar reference* on p.118. Then complete the conversations.

- 1 Where _____ you from?
I _____ from the UK.
- 2 What _____ her nationality?
She _____ French.
- 3 _____ BP an American oil company?
No, it _____ American. It's British.
- 4 _____ Gazprom and Rosneft British companies?
No, they _____. They _____ Russian.
- 5 Are you from the US?
No, we _____. We _____ from Canada.

- 2 Complete the questions about this book. Use *is there* and *are there*.

- 1 How many pages _____ in this book?
- 2 How many units _____?
- 3 _____ a word list at the back?
- 4 _____ a contents list at the front?
- 5 _____ six or eight pages per unit?

- 3 Ask and answer the questions above.

Writing

Completing a form


- 1 Read the information. Then write the dates in number form.

Writing dates

On forms, we usually write dates like this:

14/06/2010 or 14/06/10 or 14.06.2010 or 14.06.10

In American English, the month comes first: 06/14/2010

- 1 4th February this year _____
 2 17th November last year _____
- 2  You are starting a new job today: you are a fire officer in the Fire and Safety Department. Listen to your manager and complete the form.

Remember!

Names, titles, and nationalities begin with a capital letter.

International Oil Co.

First name _____

Family name _____

Employee no. _____

Manager _____

Department _____

Job title _____

Nationality _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Telephone no. _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Checklist

Assess your progress in this unit. Tick (✓) the statements which are true.

- ☐ I know words for countries, nationalities, numbers, and some hand tools
- ☐ I can talk about the oil industry in my country
- ☐ I can use *a / an / the* and the verb *be* correctly
- ☐ I can pronounce the letters of the alphabet and spell aloud
- ☐ I can check equipment
- ☐ I can complete a form with my information

Key words

Adjectives

foreign
international
offshore
onshore

Nouns

control room
drilling company
oilfield
oil well
operating company
plant
service company
team
technician

Verbs

operate
supply

Look back through this unit. Find five more words or expressions that you think are useful.