

## Project: JOBS & PLACEMENTS

### Mission n°3 ⇒ Writing a report about your last work placement



**Read and pick out words and sentences you could reuse.**

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**Subject:** Mechanical Engineering with Industry

I had my work placement at Corning Engine Co. I found this paid placement on the Internet. I sent a CV and had a quick answer. The placement was from November 15th to February 15th. I was employed as a design engineer working within the Technical Operations Department.

My role mainly involved designing and creating models and drawings of engine<sup>1</sup> parts. I also had to carry out various tests on engine components concerning stress, strain<sup>2</sup>, vibration etc.

On my arrival, I had training in many areas such as time management, presentations, Pro-Engineer (3D design), test equipment, and general engineering. Everyday I gained more and more knowledge which I believe will help me when applying for a job when I graduate. I really appreciated the people there who welcomed me not just as a student but as a fellow worker. The only negative point is the feeling of frustration I had when I first arrived and was unable to complete certain jobs through lack of knowledge. Patience is definitely needed at the start of your placement.

My biggest challenge was to fit into a team where the work varies from day to day and no two jobs are the same. Therefore I was constantly having to learn new skills and deal with new information which could prove difficult some days.

I am a much more confident person now and I believe in my own abilities. I am now more able to work within a team. I can now deal with pressure. This placement has helped me to know I wish to pursue a career in this field.

If I had some tips<sup>3</sup> to give to future trainees, I would tell them to look around before agreeing to a placement and to make sure they will be happy, not just with the job but with the area they will be living in. They need to go in with an open mind. They may be 'tea boys' at the start, but they must show interest and press for training and experience in what they want to do, in other words, take advantage of all training and experience available.

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1 *engine*: moteur

2 *strain*: tension

3 *tips*: conseils