

- 2.1** Which person (1–5) is most likely to do each of the five things (a–e)?
- 1 A software designer in an Internet company. Has to be in the office.
 - 2 An office worker in a large, traditional manufacturing company.
 - 3 A manager in a department store in a large-city. Lives in the country.
 - 4 A construction worker on a building site where work goes on 24 hours a day.
 - 5 A technical writer for a city computer company. Lives in the country.

- a work in shifts
- b work under a flexitime system
- c telecommute
- d commute to work
- e clock on and off at the same time every day

- 2.2** Look at the words and expressions in B and C opposite.
Five people talk about their jobs. Match the jobs (1–5) to the people (a–e) and put the words in brackets into the correct grammatical forms.

- 1 accountant
- 2 postwoman
- 3 flight attendant
- 4 software developer
- 5 teacher

- a Obviously, my work involves (travel) a lot. It can be quite physically (tire), but I enjoy (deal) with customers, except when they become violent. Luckily this doesn't happen often.
- b I like (work) with figures, but my job is much less (bore) and routine than people think. The work (involve) a lot of human contact and teamwork, working with other managers.
- c Of course, it involves getting up quite early in the morning. But I like (be) out in the open air. And I get a lot of exercise!
- d You've got to think in a very logical way. The work can be mentally (tire), but it's very satisfying to write a program that works.
- e I love my job. It's very (stimulate) and not at all (repeat): no two days are the same. It's good to see the children learn and develop.

Over to you



If you work ...

- Do you have a nine-to-five job?
- Do you have to clock on and off? Is there a flexitime system in your organization?
- Are there people who do shiftwork in your company?

Could you do your job working from home? If so, would you like to?

If you don't work ...

- What sort of working hours would you like to have if you worked?
- Would you like to work from home?