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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.

**Oliver:** Oh really? You shot a sequence of the film in the station last night? Interesting! And the actors got on the wrong train!! Oh my goodness! A problem with the logistics then! And you have some of the sets delivered from abroad! Not always easy, this kind of l \_\_\_\_\_, having to think of c \_\_\_\_\_, t \_\_\_\_\_ issues, i \_\_\_\_\_, not to mention i \_\_\_\_\_ ... And I know what I'm talking about, because at Mastoc, we have a lot of s \_\_\_\_\_ abroad.

Ah yes, you've noticed, we do indeed have a lot of i \_\_\_\_\_ with our name on them in c \_\_\_\_\_. We ensure the t \_\_\_\_\_ and d \_\_\_\_\_ of over 30,000 products from the w \_\_\_\_\_ to our stores!

It must be fascinating to work in films, like you do! But what a lot of work for the logistics! Accommodation for the film crews, the actors, d \_\_\_\_\_ of equipment and sets, at the lowest c \_\_\_\_\_, of course, and meeting the d \_\_\_\_\_, transporting the people from one set to another... I'd have liked to do that! But I've got a good job at Mastoc, so for the moment, I'll stay put!

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### *Logistics manager*

**Oliver:** Hi there! Do you by any chance work at Mastoc? You're on the checkout! Ah! I'm the logistics manager for all the Mastoc supermarkets in the region. I work at the logistics centre, you know, the big warehouse just outside the town... But I often travel around the various shops! You have to be flexible in this job.

So what exactly does "logistics" involve? Well basically, it means organising the circulation of goods in the best possible conditions... from storage in the logistics centre to when the products arrive on the supermarket shelves!

Has a customer ever asked you if such and such an article wasn't available? No? Well, that's logistics in a supermarket. But of course it doesn't just happen like that!

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There are about a hundred of us working in our logistics facility. And it's my job to orchestrate the work of each operator, from the producer to the purchasing manager, not forgetting the warehouse manager, to make sure the goods arrive in the right place at the right time, properly packaged and in good condition! And I have to anticipate any unforeseen situations, like the shortage of oil at the moment and when transport workers go on strike!

Is it complicated? Yes, I have to say it is, very! Luckily we have a very efficient computer program which helps me a lot, and of course Chang, my young assistant. You say your brother would be interested in this kind of job? He's just finished college... Well, to be a logistics manager, you need a degree in business studies. Get your brother to contact Chang. I'll give you his email address...

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

**Logistics facility manager – warehouse associate – forklift truck operator - packer – stock manager – forwarding agent...**



**A few words relating to a logistics manager'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.*

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| Circulation  | Consignment   | Costs     |
| Customs      | Deadline      | Delivery  |
| Distribution | Documents     | Handling  |
| Insurance    | Legislation   | Lorries   |
| Merchandise  | Order         | Packing   |
| Production   | Raw materials | Schedule  |
| Storage      | Supplier      | Supply    |
| Tax          | Transport     | Warehouse |

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Ah yes, you've noticed, we do indeed have a lot of **lorries** with our name on them in **circulation**. We ensure the **transport** and **distribution** of over 30,000 products from the **warehouses** to our stores!

It must be fascinating to work in films, like you do! But what a lot of work for the logistics! Accommodation for the film crews, the actors, **delivery** of equipment and sets, at the lowest **cost**, of course, and meeting the **deadlines**, transporting the people from one set to another... I'd have liked to do that! But I've got a good job at Mastoc, so for the moment, I'll stay put!