Unit 5

What does a maintenance technician do?

In this unit, you will learn how to

- ✓ describe maintenance jobs in different workplaces;
- ✓ analyse information on effective maintenance;
- ✓ write a memo and fill in a maintenance record.



- Getting Ready
- Listening
- O Speaking
- Reading

- Writing
- Taking Action
- O Do You Know

• Checking Progress

O Speaking



Work with your partner and act out the following scenes.

Situation 1

You(Student A) are an intern technician of a fridge manufacturing plant, and your partner(Student B) is an intern as an auto mechanic in an auto maintenance workshop. You have been practising for about two months. You have a lot to talk about concerning your internship experiences.

A: Hi, how are you getting on with your work?

B: Hi, everything is going well. Our main job is auto maintenance.

A: What do you focus on?

B: At present, I focus on...

A: Oh, that's great! That type of maintenance can enable a machine to work well.

Bank of Expressions

Auto maintenance

- change the engine oil
- replace the air filter (空气过滤器) and the spark plugs
- check the condition of the tyres, etc.



Situation 2

You share your intern work experiences with your partner.

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- perform necessary work of maintaining plant equipment
- communicate with equipment and parts suppliers to get information on the repair or the replacement of useless parts
- troubleshoot with a digital multimeter



Situation 3

You and your friend exchange the intern work experiences together.

Bank of Expressions

Aircraft maintenance

- perform an aircraft inspection
- carry out an overhaul
- repair an aircraft



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Railroad track maintenance

- change sleepers (枕木)
- lubricate (润滑) and adjust switches
- tighten loose track parts



Situation 3

You and your friend exchange the intern work experiences together.

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Road surface maintenance

- crack sealing(裂缝修补)
- remove parts of a road
- repair the road





O Reading



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