

1 Applying for a job

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Meet Marcel Winskowski

Marcel Winskowski, 18, is from Essen. He is attending the second year of a two-year course in metal engineering at a technical vocational college in the city centre. After his final examinations he would like to do a six-month work placement in a metal processing company in the UK to improve his English and get some qualifications and hands-on experience. After his return to Germany Marcel wants to do a traineeship to become an engineering draughtsman.

This is what Marcel says about himself

"I was born in Essen and have lived here all my life. Even though Essen is a good place to live, I would like to go abroad for some time after school. I think I would like to go to the UK because it's not too far away, the people speak English and the young adults are not too different from German young adults.

My father is a bank clerk, my mother is a sales rep for a company that produces all sorts of writing equipment. I have got two sisters who are older than me and have got their own families by now.

In my free time I meet my friends and do a lot of different sports. My favourite sports are football and squash. Of course I have got a driving licence. I haven't got my own car yet, which is a shame because I always have to ask my mother for hers. My favourite subjects at school are those which have to do with practical knowledge. I especially like the lessons which are held in our college's workshop.

Here we learn about the practical side of metal engineering – this is what I like the most. I am very much interested in the design and building of machines and structures. How do things work? Which materials are used? What do you need to know to be able to do these tasks? At our college there are many different students who want to do different jobs in the future. Some are planning to work in construction, others are taking classes in electrical and also civil engineering."



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Check that you understood.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why does Marcel want to go to the UK?

Marcel wants to go to the UK because

2. What do Marcel's parents do for a living?

3. What does Marcel do in his free time?

4. What are Marcel's favourite subjects at school?