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Complete the online forum messages with the correct simple present form of the verbs in parentheses.

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Day in the life of a civil engineer?

I _____ (be) a high school senior and engineering _____ (be) a field I _____ (be) pretty interested in (mostly civil engineering). I guess what I really want to know is:

- What _____ a typical day _____ (look like) for you?
- What types of people/committees _____ you _____ (work) with?



UnicornToots

Quality Engineer Gal, married to a Struct Engineer Guy

My husband _____ (work) as a structural engineer. He _____ (have) three types of days: field work days, desk work days, and shop drawings days.

On field work days, he _____ (drive) to the site and _____ (meet) with the building developers, architects, construction firm, or whoever their client _____ (be). During these meetings, they usually _____ (see) how things are going, _____ (provide) new drawings, etc. Sometimes the site visits _____ (be) for structurally analyzing existing buildings, so he just _____ (go) there and _____ (take) lots of photos and notes. When he _____ (get back) to the office, he _____ (spend) lots of time writing field reports and updating drawings. These _____ (be) his office work days. Other office work _____ (involve) lots of meetings or conference calls with their clients.

Shop drawing days _____ (be) his least favorite. In addition to all of the individual projects he _____ (manage), he _____ (have) to do shop drawings, which basically _____ (mean) he _____ (sit) at his desk all day and _____ (review) drawings from other clients. It _____ (be) apparently very tedious and _____ (take) a lot of time.

He _____ (get) to work around 7:50 or 8:00 a.m. and _____ (leave) around 4:45 or 5:00 p.m. His company _____ (not like) when people _____ (work) over 8 hours a day, as they _____ (not pay) extra money for doing so. So, if he _____ (work) 8 hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and _____ (work) 9 hours on Thursday, he _____ (leave) an hour early on Friday (7 hours).

My husband _____ (work) for a small company and he _____ (not like) it. However, he _____ (enjoy) that he _____ (get) to see projects from beginning to end.