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All at sea

Hi, my name is Robert. I work in an oil rig on the North Sea.

The oil rig drills for oil from the bottom of the sea. The oil is then pumped to the surface and taken away on ships. My job is to make sure the drills and pumps work properly. Other people on the rig drive cranes or cook meals for us.

Shift work
On the oil rig, we work in shifts. This means some of us work during the day and when we stop, another group of people starts working through the night. The shifts can be 12 hours long.

Glossary

cargo	things that are carried by a ship or other vehicle
dormitories	big bedrooms where a lot of people sleep
engineers	people who design or build machines
gravity	force that pulls objects towards
hotel	place where people who are away from home can stay
machinery	group of machines that do difficult work
orbiting	moving around a planet or the place that is far away from earth
remote	somewhere that is used as a big experiment
research station	people who study and learn about the world
scientists	people who study and learn about the world
shifts	periods of time when people do work

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