

# PRONUNCIATION

## EXERCISE 1

Listen to the audio recording (track 1.2) and repeat the names of the following tech professions.



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- Software developer  
*/soft(t)weɪdəvələpər/*
- QA engineer  
*/kju: ˈei əndʒɪnɪər/*
- architect  
*/a:kɪtekt/*
- DevOps  
*/dev o:ps/*
- business analyst  
*/biznes ˈan(ə)list/*
- machine learning expert  
*/ma:ʃin ˈle:nɪŋ ˈekspə:t/*
- programmer  
*/prə:græmər/*
- UI/UX designer  
*/ju: ʌɪ di:zainer/*
- marketer/marketing specialist  
*/ma:kɪtər/ /ma:kɪtɪŋ ˈspeʃlɪst/*
- CEO/CTO/COO  
*/si: əʊ/ /si: əti: əʊ/ /si: əʊ əʊ/*

### PRONUNCIATION TIP

When you're not sure how to pronounce a word, just [type it into Google search](#) followed by "pronunciation". You'll be able to switch between American and British pronunciation and adjust the speed of the recording.

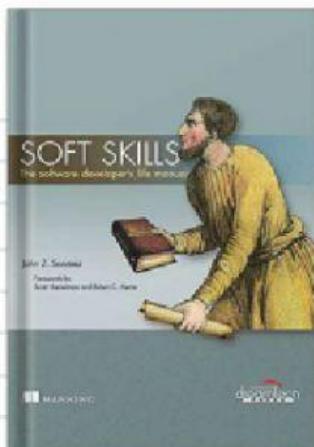
The screenshot shows the Google Pronunciation tool interface. At the top, the word "Software" is entered. To the right, a dropdown menu shows "American Pronunciation". Below the word, the text "Sounds like" is followed by the phonetic transcription "saaf·twehr". A speaker icon indicates an audio recording is available. A "Slow" button with a slider is present. To the right, there is a graphic of a human mouth in profile, showing the tongue and teeth, with a blue gradient background.

# SPEAKING & SOFT SKILLS



## BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Soft Skills: The Software Developer's Life Manual by John Sonmez.



ANGLISH TIP  
English For IT

What are *soft skills* and why do you *need* them to advance in your tech career?

Soft skills (or "people skills") help you collaborate with people, handle negotiations and discussions and work as part of a team.

Unlike hard skills (knowledge of job-specific tools, technologies, methods etc.), soft skills are applicable in all professions and will allow you to communicate and do your job much more effectively.

For deeper understanding of the topic Hard and Soft Skills, read the explanatory presentation

in our Google Classroom.

## DIALOGUE 2 (track 1.4)



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- So, you're a freelancer, huh?
- Yeah, I'm a \_\_\_\_\_ . I mostly work on my own. On an average day, I get a new project from a client, estimate how much time it will take, \_\_\_\_\_ of the design, code it up and send it to the client.
- It's probably a fun job.
- What I like about it is that I can do a really \_\_\_\_\_ of projects. For example, right now I'm working on an e-commerce website for a pretty big company and next week I'm going to work on a blog for a fashion designer!

## EXERCISE 1A

First impressions matter! That's why it's important to be able to create a positive first impression by introducing yourself and your job in a clear and engaging way.

Listen to the three dialogues (tracks 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5) and answer the questions.

In which dialogue does the speaker:

- Give an example of what they regularly do.
- Explain what their job is using simple words.
- State the impact that their job makes on the world.

## DIALOGUE 1 (track 1.3)



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- Nice to meet you, Lisa! What do you do?
- I work in robotics. I'm a design engineer.
- Oh, wow! What is that?
- Well, my job is to design how the robot is going to look. I also \_\_\_\_\_ that all the technical components we are using will actually work when we put them together.
- That sounds really exciting!
- It is! Anyways, what do you do\_\_\_\_\_?

## DIALOGUE 3 (track 1.5)



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- So, your sister tells me you own a business?
- Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ that help developers and business owners meet and network with each other. We have 2000 users right now. 400 of them found a job in the last 3 months and 80 of them are now building their own startups!
- Really! That's amazing!
- Thank you! So what about you? Where do you work?
- I actually work in a small web agency as a back-end developer. I can \_\_\_\_\_ full-stack development as well and, in fact, I'm currently looking for a full-stack developer job.
- Sounds like you could use my platform!
- Totally! What's it called by the way?

## 🔊 EXERCISE 1B

Listen again and try to complete the gaps with the missing words.

## 🔊 EXERCISE 1C

Introduce yourself and your job using the list of useful phrases.

## USEFUL PHRASES

- I work in... (QA/Robotics/e-commerce)
- I work as a... (QA engineer) ...at/-for... (company name)
- I help... (HR consultants get more clients)
- I take care of / I handle... (all testing processing)
- My job is to...
- I do... (full-stack development)
- I make sure that...
- I oversee / I'm in charge of... (Cloud Integration processes)
- Right now I am... (developing / creating)

