

Reading a manual



**Talking** on the telephone

NAME
FORM
PLACEMENT



Working on a computer



Observing a journalist





5 Attending a meeting



Listening to a supervisor





Using office equipment



Interviewing a manager



Working *10* in an office



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Reviewing company literature

# **Questions to ask**

# Background to the business

- What is the history of the business?
- b. What are the basic facts and figures about the business?
- c. How many people are employed by the business?
- d. What are the main patterns of employment e.g. fulltime/part-time?

# Employment in the media

- a. What different types of jobs are there?
- b. What career and training opportunities are there?
- c. What qualifications and skills are required?
- d. What trends are there in jobs in the media?

# Working conditions

- a. What are working conditions like for staff?
- b. What facilities are available for the use of staff?
- c. How have working conditions changed over the years?
- d. How are working conditions likely to change in the future?

# **Business organisation**

- What are the different work roles in the business?
- b. How do the different people work together?
- c. How are work tasks allocated to individuals?
- d. What happens when a member of staff is sick?

# Layout

- a. How is the office laid out?
- b. What are the advantages of the current layout?
- c. What are the problems with the current layout?
- d. How could the layout of the office be improved?

#### Health and safety/security

- What health and safety rules do staff have to follow?
- b. What are the most common accidents?
- What happens when there is an accident?
- d. What is the role of the health and safety representative?

#### Customer service

- a. What customer service b. How are customer procedures are there?
- complaints handled?
- c. What is good customer service?
- d. What methods are used to monitor customer satisfaction?

#### Administration

- a. What administrative systems are used?
- b. How important is IT to the administration of the business?
- c. What applications are used in the organisation?
- d. How is e-mail used?

# Quality assurance

- What is quality assurance?
- b. What are the quality standards of the business?
- What procedures are there to maintain quality?
- d. Who is responsible for maintaining the quality standards?

#### Marketing

- What is the marketing strategy of the business?
- b. How does the business advertise its products?
- What image does the business try to project?
- d. How does the company evaluate its marketing?







