

Work: video A

The ski pistes of Chinaillon, near Le Grand Bornand in the Haute-Savoie. It is high season. But not everybody is on holiday. Here, day and night, many people are working.

Nat: "So what kind of work do you do?"

Hervé: "Well I'm a member of the ski patrol."

Joëlle: "I am the secretary for the piste services at Le Grand Bornand."

Cédric: "I drive a snow groomer. I work on the pistes."

Nathalie: "I am a skiing instructor."

Arnaud: "I am a skiing instructor in Le Grand Bornand in the Haute-Savoie."

A lot of jobs all with different responsibilities.

Nat: "Today what are you all doing?"

Hervé: "Well today it's nice weather. We will open the pistes at 8.30am and then we'll be in charge of safety and injuries until 5.30pm."

Nathalie: "Well, the day starts with me getting up at seven thirty, I have breakfast, I get dressed and I come into work. Today I have a group at ten o'clock and a skiing lesson at two o'clock."

Joëlle: "Well today, this morning my day starts at 8.30am and then I'm on duty next to the radio and the telephone in order to be able to pass on information throughout the day."

Joëlle: "Sophie, can you tell me if piste 2000 is now properly marked out and open."

Nat: "What time do the pistes open? And what time do they close?"

Joëlle: "Well, the pistes open at 9 o'clock in the morning and close at 5 o'clock in the evening."

Cédric: "And so my working hours are from 5.30pm to 2am in the morning."

Nat: "So you work at night?"

Cédric: "That's it, at night."

Nat: "Is it alright? Is it difficult?"

Cédric: "No, it's fine!"

Nat: "How long have you been working here?"

Hervé: "I've been working here for 7 years, 7 seasons."

Joëlle: "I've been working in this role for 13 years."

Nathalie: "I've been working here for 26 years."

Nat: "That's a fair bit!"

Nathalie: "It is a long time. But I was born here and I have been skiing since I was very little."

Nat: "Do you have another job in the summer?"

Joëlle: "Absolutely! I'm like a lot of seasonal workers. For me, it's working at the Grand Bornand swimming pool."

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Cédric: "Yes. During the summer I'm a heavy-vehicle driver. I drive a mechanical digger."

Nathalie: "Well, during the summer I run a snack-bar by a swimming pool."

Arnaud: "My summer job is as an activities leader at Club Med. I organise sporting activities: tennis, football, archery, golf, swimming, horse riding. All the sports you can find at holiday centres."

Nathalie: "Your work, what is it like? Interesting? Difficult?"

Hervé: "It is... very varied."

Nathalie: "Your work, how is it?"

Joëlle: "It's fascinating. I like what I do a lot and it's very engaging work."

Arnaud: "It's fascinating."

Nathalie: "It's fantastic!"