

English for architects Present Simple and Continuous

Choose one of the actions below and act it out (without stopping) until your partner guesses what you are doing

You are drawing

You are sketching/ doodling

You are looking closely at drawings

You are putting on a hard hat

You are using two monitors

You are unrolling a big piece of paper

You are rolling up a big piece of paper

You are using a ruler

You are using a compass

You are using an eraser

You are measuring something

You are staring out of the window

You are giving a PowerPoint presentation

You are giving someone a tour of the office or a building

You are using a magnifying glass

You are building a model from card or cardboard

You are building a model from foam/ polystyrene

You are looking at a model

You are surveying the area where a building will be

You are looking at samples of materials

You are flicking through a catalogue

You are using a calculator or numeric keypad



You are filing/ looking for a file

You are meeting clients (= customers)

You are tidying your desk

You are cleaning your desk

You are chatting with the person at the next desk

You are typing up a document

You are photocopying

You are using the telephone

You are setting up a tripod

You are taking photos

You are giving instructions to builders

You are using a laser pointer

You are signing documents

You are exchanging business cards

You are shredding documents

Choose one of the actions above and talk about who does it, how often, when and why etc, until your partner guesses which one you are talking about.

Useful language

I always/ almost always/ usually/ very often/ often/ sometimes/ rarely/ hardly ever/ almost never/ never do this

I do this once/ twice/ three times a day/ week/ month/ year

An architect/ architectural engineer/ project manager/ site manager does this

You need to use _____ to do this

This is old fashioned and people/ architects don't do this anymore

Compare which things above you most often and least often do with your partner.