

1. Warm-up discussion

- In what situations might a software developer need English?
- Do you think speaking English is more important than writing it in IT? Why?
- What is the most difficult thing about communicating in English?

2. Meet your future colleague

Work in pairs. Imagine you are meeting a colleague for the first time at a technology company. Ask and answer the questions. Ask follow-up questions if possible.

- What motivated you to study software development?
- Do you have any previous experience in IT, or are you completely new to the field?
- What programming languages or technologies are you interested in?
- What kind of projects would you like to work on?
- How do you currently use English in your daily life, studies or work?
- What do you find most challenging about speaking English?
- What would you like to achieve in English this year?

Your task: Find two things you have in common and one interesting difference between you.

Useful expressions

Giving opinions and explaining	Keeping the conversation going
I think...	Why?
In my opinion...	Really?
I'm interested in...	Can you tell me more?
I'd like to...	How often?
	Could you repeat that, please?

3. The client has a problem

Imagine you work for a software development company. A client contacts you because their employees are having problems managing their daily tasks.

The client wants you to propose a digital solution. Discuss the questions and prepare a recommendation.

- What exactly is the problem?
- Who will use your solution?
- Would you develop a mobile app, a web application or a desktop application? Why?
- What three features would you include?
- What potential problems or challenges might you face?
- Why should the client choose your solution?

Useful expressions

Giving opinions and responding	Explaining a solution
I think we should...	We would develop a...
In my opinion...	The main advantage is...
I agree because...	One potential problem could be...
That's a good point, but...	This solution would allow users to...
I'm not sure that's the best option because...	

4. Your client pitch

Prepare a short presentation about your solution. Be clear, justify your decisions and speak naturally.

- The problem we identified is...
- We recommend developing a...
- The main features would be...
- One advantage of our solution is...
- We believe this is the best option because...