



Loading dock

conveyor belt

freight elevator



Forklift

Pallet



Dolly



work station

Toolbox



Expressions referring to tools

- To have a **screw** loose: avoir une case en moins.
- To put the **screws** on someone: mettre quelqu'un à la torture.
- To tighten the **screw**: serrer la vis.
- To drive a nail into one's coffin: creuser sa propre tombe, signer son arrêt (*a coffin: un cercueil*).
- To hit the nail on the head/to hit the nail home: mettre le doigt dessus.
- To **hammer** a point home: mettre les points sur les "i".
- To come under the **hammer**: être vendu aux enchères.
- To call a **spade** a spade: appeler un chat un chat.
- To have an axe to grind: prêcher pour son saint/sa paroisse.

Grammar corner: Some and any

1. General rules:

- Use **some** in affirmative sentence: I'd like some tea.
- Use **any** in questions: Have you got any stamps?
- Use **any** with not in a negative sentence: I haven't got any money.

2. Specific rules:

- **Some** is used in questions which have an affirmative meaning. For example when we propose something to someone: Would you like some more cheese?
- **Any** is used in affirmative sentences with a negative meaning. For example, the sentences with hardly, without, never:
 - I hardly know any people here,
 - He tried to make a cake without using any milk,
 - He never makes any suggestions.
- **If** is used sometimes with some, sometimes with any: If you buy some/any cheese, get some for me.

Essential Vocabulary – General background

Heavy plant, machinery	Grosses machines, les machines
A machine tool	Une machine-outil
A grinding machine	Une rectifieuse
To operate a machine	Faire fonctionner une machine
Operations	Activités
A drill, a lathe, a windlass	Une perceuse, un tour, un treuil
A bench, a vice, a bit	Un établi, un étau, un foret
A screw, a nut, a bolt	Une vis, un écrou, un boulon
A chisel, tongs, a spanner, a screwdriver, a gear, a file, a plane	Un burin/ciseau, pinces/tenailles, clé anglaise, tournevis, pignon, lime, un rabot
To chisel, to sharpen, to nail	Ciseler, affûter, clouer
To trim, to file, to plane, to weld	Ajuster, limer, raboter, souder
An assembly line	Une chaîne de montage
To mass produce	Produire en grandes quantités
Minute division of labour	La division minutieuse du travail
Industrial automation	La productique
Product reliability	La fiabilité d'un produit
To improve efficiency	Améliorer le rendement
Output per hour worked	Le rendement à l'heure
To boost/enhance productivity	Stimuler/améliorer la productivité

Translate the following sentences

1. We have a high workload in our department.
2. The shipment was delayed due to unforeseeable circumstances.
3. The company is unable to break the deadlock.
4. We are going to tender for the contract to build the expansion of the factory.
5. It is unlikely that our plants will produce any surplus this year.
6. Can you teach the new employee how to run the machinery?
7. Patent company is in Paris.