

# A plant

## Building site, edificio

Administrative staff offices, *uffici amministrativi*  
 Building site, *edificio*  
 Cloakroom, *spogliatoio*  
 Conference/Meeting space, *luogo per conferenze e riunioni*  
 Headquarters/head office, *quartieri generali*  
 Infirmary, *infermeria*  
 Maintenance/plumbing/lightening area, *zona di assistenza-manutenzione/idraulica/elettricità*  
 Personnel/flat complex, *zona per appartamenti del personale*  
 Power station, *centrale elettrica*  
 Reception, *reception*  
 Showers, *docce*



chimney stack/  
smokestack



single storey building

parking lot



assembly line



office building block

multi-storey building



storage/warehouse



packing



airconditioning/  
cooling/heating/  
ventilation system

## Departments, reparti

Delivery, *consegna/trasporto*  
 Finance and accounting, *contabilità*  
 Human resources, *risorse umane*  
 Logistics, *logistica*  
 Manufacturing, *produzione*  
 Marketing and advertising, *marketing e pubblicità*  
 Production, *produzione*  
 Purchasing, *acquisti*  
 Quality control, *controllo qualità*  
 Recruitment, *reclutamento*  
 Research and development (R&D), *ricerca e sviluppo*  
 Staff complaints, *ufficio reclami*  
 Stock control, *controllo merci*  
 Training, *formazione personale*



tool room



workstation

workfloor



locker

equipment



vending machine



canteen



### 1 Write the word corresponding to its definition.

1. A centre of operations, as of the police or a business, from which orders are issued. ....
2. A building for the storage of goods and merchandise. ....
3. A place where all the instruments for work are kept. ....
4. System that dries and cools the air in a building or a car. ....
5. A place where food and drinks are served in a factory or a school. ....
6. A drawer, closet, or the like, that may be locked for storage and safekeeping of clothing and valuables. ....
7. The activity of buying things, especially for a company. ....
8. The activity of looking for people to join an organisation. ....
9. It's the process of learning the skills that you need to do a job. ....
10. It's the activity of treating raw materials or food in order to change or preserve them. ....



### 2 Which part of the plant would you go to or who would you contact if you...

1. found a mistake in your payslip. ....
2. cut your hand under a shearer. ....
3. were hungry. ....
4. needed to check the amount of raw materials left before sending an order. ....
5. needed to change into your overall. ....
6. needed to talk to your boss. ....
7. the power supply suddenly went off. ....
8. were asked to work long hours for free. ....
9. worked at a robot cutting parts of a car body. ....
10. were a salesperson coming for a meeting with the purchasing manager. ....



### 3 Read the text and answer the questions.

#### GRAY: YEARS OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION

Gray Construction is a pioneer in design-build specialising in engineering, architecture and construction services to both domestic and international customers. Founded in 1960, Gray is a family-owned company headquartered in Lexington, Nebraska, with offices across the US and Japan. Its core markets are:

- > Manufacturing plant construction
- > Automotive plant construction
- > Food and beverage plant construction
- > Hospitality facility construction

At Gray Construction, they rely on honesty, discipline and hard work and believe that success can be attributed to upholding a simple set of core values that date back to the beginning of the company:

- > safety and quality of life first
- > they are customer and relationship driven
- > treat others the way you want to be treated.

Gray has been meeting the design-build and construction management needs of the manufacturing industry for years, having built over 77 million plants for more than 929 manufacturing facilities across the US. With this level of experience, Gray is consistently ranked among the top US contractors in manufacturing plant construction.

*Adapted from: [www.gray.com](http://www.gray.com)*

1. What does Gray Construction deal with?
2. Where are its headquarters?
3. What type of industrial plants is it specialised in?
4. What is the philosophy of the company?
5. What is the secret of success for Gray Construction?
6. Why is Gray Construction ranked among the top US contractors?



### 4 Look for a famous multinational on the Internet and find out the different locations of its plants.