## Planned changes

With the globalization of the automotive industry, organizations have had to re-evaluate their strategies to adapt to changing demands. Previously, local manufacturers predominantly built and supplied vehicles for national markets. Increasingly now, this model is being replaced by global component suppliers who deliver components around the world where they are instead simply assembled. This transition has, of course, meant major upheavals for many of those employed in the industry. As changes have been implemented, the nature of some roles has been completely transformed. When an order is processed, any modifications to the order, for example for one product being substituted for another, have to be logged on the system so that the delivery note can be amended to show the changes clearly.



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## 4 Group the words in the box according to their general meaning.

adapt amend modify replace substitute transform upheaval

To make a small change to something			(To make) a big change to something		To exchange one thing for another	
adapt 1	2	3	4	5	6	

## 5 a Match the sentence halves. Focus especially on the collocations with the highlighted keywords. Use the list of collocations on pp.107–110 to help you if necessary.

- 1 After initial testing, a number of modifications
- 2 Such support services are aimed at students making
- 3 The board will meet again in six months to re-evaluate
- 4 Successive governments have promised to amend
- 5 He was given the task of implementing
- 6 The novel is set against the social and political
- 7 Technology continues to transform
  - a the way we do business.
  - b the situation and decide whether further action is necessary.
  - c were made to the design.
  - d the transition from high school to college.
  - e upheavals of the 1960s.
  - f the laws surrounding libel.
  - g the changes and overseeing their success.
- b Underline the key collocation(s) that goes with the highlighted word in each completed sentence in 5a.
  - ▶ EXAMPLE: After initial testing, a number of modifications were made ...
- 6 Write one sentence describing something that has changed in each of the following ways in recent years. Use the highlighted word in your answer.
  - Something that has expanded
  - Something (or someone) that has had to adapt to changes
  - An upheaval
  - · Something that has changed in response to an event or situation
  - Something that has been replaced
  - A shift from one thing to something (slightly) different
  - ► EXAMPLE: The budget airline industry has expanded rapidly over the past decade.

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