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Feifei
大家好，欢迎来到 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。我是冯菲菲。

Neil
…and me, Neil.

Feifei
Neil，你能不能别再玩电脑了，集中注意力，节目开始了。在这期节目中，我们要介绍一个与科技和工作相关的新词。它被用来描述那些基于为各种网络平台的平稳运行提供基本服务的员工——"a microworker"。

Neil
A microworker? Is that someone who makes microwave ovens?

Feifei
No, Neil! Though it does have the same prefix – micro.

Neil
And yes – the word 'micro' used as a prefix, indicates that something is small.

Feifei
但我们说的不是"small workers"小员工，我们说的是计算机无法独立完成的小型数字任务。Neil, stop typing!

Neil
Sorry… These might be things like drawing around a digital image of a face to help train artificial intelligence systems to recognise people.

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Feifei

是的，"microworkers"的工作可能包括通过执行简单、重复的数字任务，从而帮助改进计算机的算法。

Neil

Let's hear some examples.

Examples

Since the recession, lots of people who lost their jobs have earned cash as microworkers.

Some of the biggest tech giants have used microworkers to help develop their systems.

Some complain it's badly paid, but others like the flexibility of microwork.

Feifei

这里是 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。在这期节目中，我们教给大家的新词是"microworker"。"Microworker"所指的是那些通过从事简单、重复的数字任务帮助开发计算机系统而赚钱的"微工人"。

Neil

As we've heard, microwork isn't a full-time job. It's something people can do as much or as little as they want, when they want.

Feifei

On the other side, it's not very well paid or secure.

Neil

Right, are we done?

Feifei

Yes. What are you doing that's so important?

Neil

Oh, you know, just earning a little bit of extra cash as a microworker.

Both

Bye!