

personal profile (2) : talking about work

<p>Learn with television</p> <p>Talk German: Programme 3</p> <p>Meet some of Germany's well-trained and productive workforce and find out how to talk about your job. Look inside BMW's state-of-the-art headquarters and get to know some of its employees.</p> <p>Talk German is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone, then video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p>Learn online</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german</p> <p>German Steps Stage 1: Saying what you do</p> <p>Watch Andrea exchanging information about work with some new friends, then do the activities, read about German work culture and follow the links to sites of interest.</p> <p>Talk German: Talk about what you do</p> <p>Find out about other people's professions, and tell them about your work. Watch the video clip, read the transcript, do the activity then check your progress.</p>
<p>Learning hint</p> <p>If a German colleague hands you a business card, don't be put off by the long words. In English we often use a hyphen, but in German two or more words run straight on from each other. Break down the long words into their component parts and look up each bit in the dictionary: Verkaufsleiter is made up of Verkauf, meaning 'sale' and Leiter meaning 'manager'; Fahrzeuglackierer comes from Fahrzeug 'vehicle' and Lackierer 'sprayer'.</p>	
<p>Key language</p> <p>Was sind Sie von Beruf? What do you do for a living? Ich bin I'm Wo arbeiten Sie? Where do you work? Ich arbeite I work ... bei einer Firma ... for a company ... im Krankenhaus ... in the hospital ... an der Universität ... at the university Ich studiere I study</p>	<p>Useful vocabulary</p> <p>der Beruf job der Student/ die Studentin student (m/f) der Lehrer / die Lehrerin teacher (m/f) der Arzt/ die Ärztin doctor (m/f) der Verkäufer/ die Verkäuferin salesperson (m/f) der Ingenieur/ die Ingenieurin engineer (m/f) die Firma company das Büro office</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How would you ask someone what they're studying? Would a man or a woman say Ich bin Polizistin? Would you use du or Sie to ask Herr Spitz whether he's a teacher? How would you say that you're a secretary? You're an electrician; what's your reply to the question Sind Sie Mechaniker? What is eine Lehrstelle? <p>Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/answers.shtml</p>	