

personal profile (2) : where you live and work

<p>Learn with television</p> <p>Talk Italian: Programmes 1 and 3 Towards the end of Programme 1 watch people at a festival in Gallicano talking about what they do for a living. Then, in Programme 3 meet workers at la Zona Fiera, the modern powerhouse of Bologna.</p> <p>Talk Italian is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/ and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p>Learn online www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian</p> <p>Italian Steps Stage 2: Saying what you do Join Giovanna in the hotel bar as she gets into conversation with a business man – un uomo d'affari – who's out with a group of colleagues.</p> <p>Talk Italian: Casa e lavoro Revisit clips from the television programme, read the transcripts, do the activities then check your progress.</p>
<p>Learning hint</p> <p>One of the fundamental differences between English and Italian is that the endings of Italian verbs change, depending on who's talking/ being talked about. The good news is that there are straightforward patterns to these endings – and it's well worth learning them because it then gives you the flexibility to use any verb you choose to look up in a dictionary. Don't worry if you find it slow at first or make mistakes – most people do, it's all part of learning a new language.</p>	
<p>Key language</p> <p>Dove lavori/ lavora? Where do you work? (informal/formal)</p> <p>Lavoro I work</p> <p>...in un ufficio in an office</p> <p>...per una ditta for a company</p> <p>Cosa fai/ fa? What do you do? (informal/ formal)</p> <p>Che lavoro fai/ fa? What's your job? (informal/ formal)</p> <p>Sono grafico I'm a graphic designer</p> <p>Studio ingegneria I study engineering</p>	<p>Dove abiti/ abita? Where do you live? (informal/ formal)</p> <p>Abito I live</p> <p>...a Bologna in Bologna</p> <p>...in centro in the centre</p> <p>...vicino a Bologna near Bologna</p> <p>...in periferia di Bologna on the outskirts of Bologna</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You get talking to someone at the hotel where you're staying, who tells you Sono di Roma ma abito e lavoro vicino a Milano; sono professore. Where does she work and what does she do? 2. How would you ask her son (who's about 18) what he does? 3. He answers Studio ingegneria meccanica a Torino. What does he do? 4. What would you present if you were asked for il biglietto da visita? 5. How would you ask someone you met in a business context where s/he lives? 6. a) What's il mercato nero and b) where's Italy's triangolo industriale? <p>Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml</p>	