

## personal profile (2) : where you live and work

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk Italian: Programmes 1 and 3</b> Towards the end of Programme 1 watch people at a festival in Galliciano 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 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/</a> and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian</a></p> <p><b>Italian Steps Stage 2: Saying what you do</b> 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><b>Talk Italian: Casa e lavoro</b> Revisit clips from the television programme, read the transcripts, do the activities then check your progress.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></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><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Dove lavori/ lavora?</b> Where do you work? (informal/formal) <b>Lavoro</b> I work ...<b>in un ufficio</b> in an office ...<b>per una ditta</b> for a company <b>Cosa fai/ fa?</b> What do you do? (informal/ formal) <b>Che lavoro fai/ fa?</b> What's your job? (informal/formal) <b>Sono grafico</b> I'm a graphic designer <b>Studio ingegneria</b> I study engineering</p>	<p><b>Dove abiti/ abita?</b> Where do you live? (informal/ formal) <b>Abito</b> I live ...<b>a Bologna</b> in Bologna ...<b>in centro</b> in the centre ...<b>vicino a Bologna</b> near Bologna ...<b>in periferia di Bologna</b> on the outskirts of Bologna</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You get talking to someone at the hotel where you're staying, who tells you <b>Sono di Roma ma abito e lavoro vicino a Milano; sono professore</b>. Where does she work and what does she do?</li> <li>2. How would you ask her son (who's about 18) what he does?</li> <li>3. He answers <b>Studio ingegneria meccanica a Torino</b>. What does he do?</li> <li>4. What would you present if you were asked for <b>il biglietto da visita</b>?</li> <li>5. How would you ask someone you met in a business context where s/he lives?</li> <li>6. a) What's <b>il mercato nero</b> and b) where's Italy's <b>triangolo industriale</b>?</li> </ol> <p>Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml</a></p>	