

## personal profile (2) : what you do

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk Spanish: Programmes 2 and 3</b> Meet a Spanish family, attend a wedding, see some international footballers from the Valencia team – and find out how to talk about yourself and your work.</p> <p>Talk Spanish 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></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish</a></p> <p><b>Spanish Steps: Stage 6: Saying what you do</b> Join Kevin Duala in Madrid as he exchanges information about work. When you've watched the slideshow, do the activities and follow the links to sites of interest.</p> <p><b>Talk Spanish: Me llamo...; Soy...</b> Watch selected clips from the TV programmes – with or without the transcripts – and have a go at the activities.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>One of the fundamental differences between English and Spanish is that the endings of Spanish verbs change, depending on who's talking/ being talked about: for example <b>trabajo</b>, <b>trabajas</b> and <b>trabaja</b>. There are straightforward patterns to these endings – and it's well worth learning them because you then have the flexibility to use any verb you choose. Don't worry if you find thinking of the right ending slow at first or if you make mistakes – most people do, it's all part of learning a new language.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p>¿Cómo te llamas? What's your name? <b>Me llamo...</b> My name is...</p> <p>¿En qué trabajas/trabaja? What's your job? (informal/formal) <b>Soy...</b> I'm a ...</p> <p>¿Dónde trabajas/trabaja? Where do you work? (informal/formal) <b>Trabajo en</b> I work for/in</p> <p>¿Qué haces/hace? What do you do (informal/formal)? <b>Estudio</b> I study</p>	<p><b>Useful vocabulary</b></p> <p><b>vendedor/vendedora</b> seller (m/f) <b>pintor/pintora</b> painter (m/f) <b>socorrista</b> lifeguard (m/f) <b>el colegio</b> school <b>el instituto</b> secondary school <b>el derecho</b> Law <b>la empresa</b> company <b>informática</b> IT</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You get chatting to someone at the hotel where you're staying, who tells you <b>Trabajo en una empresa de servicios turísticos en Santander</b>. What does he do?</li> <li>2. How would you ask someone you've just met in a business context what s/he does for a living?</li> <li>3. How would Pamela Wills, a teacher, introduce herself and say what she does?</li> <li>4. And how would her son Daniel say he's studying Law?</li> <li>5. You read a letter in a magazine, starting <b>Soy actriz</b>. Is it from a man or a woman?</li> <li>6. Which is the odd one out? <b>teatro, comerciante, oficina, hospital, empresa</b>.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/answers.shtml</a></p>	