

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S2 #5

What Do You Do in Hong Kong?

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 你做咩嘍?
2. 我係老師。
3. 哦。
4. 你做咩嘍?
5. 我係學生。

JYUTPING

1. nei5 zou6 me1 gaa3 ?
2. ngo5 hai6 lou5 si1。
3. o4。
4. nei5 zou6 me1 gaa3 ?
5. ngo5 hai6 hok6 sang1。

ENGLISH

1. A: What do you do?
2. B: I'm a teacher.

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3. A: Oh.
4. B: What do you do?
5. A: I'm a student.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
做咩	zou6 me1	what (to do)	phrase
老師	lou5 si1	teacher	noun
學生	hok6 sang1	student	noun
醫生	ji1 sang1	doctor	noun
律師	leot6 si1	lawyer	noun
工程師	gung1 cing4 si1	engineer	noun
演員	jin2 jyun4	actor	noun
導演	dou6 jin2	director	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

佢哋做咩咖? <i>Keoi5 dei6 zou6 me1 gaa3 ?</i> What do they do?	佢哋係老師。 <i>keoi5 dei6 hai6 lou5 si1.</i> They're teachers.
我係學生。 <i>ngo5 hai6 hok6 sang1.</i> I'm a student.	我要睇醫生。 <i>ngo5 jiu3 tai2 ji1 sang1.</i> I need to see a doctor.

<p>你係唔係律師? <i>nei5 hai6 m4 hai6 leot6 si1 ?</i></p> <p>Are you a lawyer?</p>	<p>我爸爸係工程師。 <i>ngo5 baa4 baa1 hai6 gung1 cing4 si1。</i></p> <p>My father is an engineer.</p>
<p>我鍾意呢個演員。 <i>ngo5 zung1 ji3 ni1 go3 jin2 jyun4。</i></p> <p>I like this actor.</p>	<p>我唔鍾意呢個導演。 <i>ngo5 m4 zung1 ji3 ni1 go3 dou6 jin2。</i></p> <p>I don't like this director.</p>

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Expressing Your Profession

我係老師

"I'm a teacher."

There are two ways of expressing one's profession:

我係 + profession, or 我做 + profession.

"I am + profession," or "I do + profession"

For Example:

- 我係老師。
ngo5 hai6 lou5 si1
"I'm a teacher."
- 我做老師。
ngo5 zou6 lou5 si1
"I'm a teacher." (Literally, "I make a teacher.")
- 佢係工程師。
keoi5 hai6 gung1 cing4 si1
"He's an engineer."

4. 佢做工程師。
keoi5 zou6 gung1 cing4 si1
"He's an engineer."

Examples from This Lesson

1. 我係老師。
ngo5 hai6 lou5 si1。
"I'm a teacher."
2. 我係學生。
ngo5 hai6 hok6 saang1。
"I'm a student."

Sample Sentences:

1. 我哋係律師。
ngo5 dei6 hai6 leot6 si1。
"We're lawyers."

Language Tip

Measure words are not needed.