



## Absolute Beginner S2

### What Do You Do in Hong Kong?

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## Traditional Chinese

你做咩咖？  
我係老師。  
哦。  
你做咩咖？  
我係學生。

## Jyutping

nei5 zou6 me1 gaa3 ?  
ngo5 hai6 lou5 si1.  
ngo2.  
nei5 zou6 me1 gaa3 ?  
ngo5 hai6 hok6 sang1.

## English

A What do you do?  
B I'm a teacher.  
A Oh.  
B What do you do?  
A I'm a student.

## Vocabulary

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

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

畢業都唔知做咩好，不如自己 做老板!	bat1 jip6 dou1 m4 zi1 zou6 me1 hou2, bat1 jyu4 zi6 gei2 zou6 lou5 baan2!	I don't know what to do after I graduate, why not be a boss!
佢哋做咩咖？ 佢哋係老師。 我係學生。 我要睇醫生。 你係唔係律師？ 我爸爸係工程師。	keoi5 dei6 zou6 me1 gaa3 ? keoi5 dei6 hai6 lou5 si1。 ngo5 hai6 hok6 sang1。 ngo5 jiu3 tai2 ji1 sang1。 nei5 hai6 m4 hai6 leot6 si1 ? ngo5 baa4 baa1 hai6 gung1 cing4 si1。 ngo5 zung1 ji3 ni1 go3 jin2 jyun4。 ngo5 m4 zung1 ji3 ni1 go3 dou6 jin2。	What do they do? They're teachers. I'm a student. I need to see a doctor. Are you a lawyer? My father is an engineer.
我鍾意呢個演員。	ngo5 zung1 ji3 ni1 go3 jin2 jyun4。	I like this actor.
我唔鍾意呢個導演。	ngo5 m4 zung1 ji3 ni1 go3 dou6 jin2。	I don't like this director.

## Grammar Points

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:

1. 我係老師。

ngo5 hai6 lou5 si1

"I'm a teacher."

2. 我做老師。

ngo5 zou6 lou5 si1

"I'm a teacher." (Literally, "I make a teacher.")

3. 佢係工程師。

keoi5 hai6 gung1 cing4 si1

"He's an engineer."

4. 佢做工程師。

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keoi5 zou6 gung1 cing4 si1  
"He's an engineer."

## Examples from This Lesson

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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

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Measure words are not needed.