

Saying what you do for a living

1 **1•28** Listen to the key language:

Nǐ zuò shénme gōngzuò?	What do you do? <i>Lit.</i> You do what work?
Wǒ shì yīshēng/xuésheng.	I'm a doctor/student.
Nǐ yě shì xuésheng ma?	Are you a student too?
Wǒ xué Yīngwén.	I study English.
Wǒ zài yīyuàn gōngzuò.	I work in a hospital. <i>Lit.</i> I in hospital work.

2 **1•29** Listen to the people being interviewed about what they do, and number each person's occupation below as you hear it mentioned.



kuàijìshī



yīshēng



dǎoyóu



lǎoshī



gōngchéngshī



fúwùyuán



lǚshī



jìzhě

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word order is very similar to English: subject + verb + object:

Wǒ jiāo Yīngwén. *I teach English.*

However, phrases referring to place or time go before the verb:

Wǒ zài dàxué jiāo Yīngwén. *I teach English at the university.*

Wǒ xīngqīwǔ jiāo Yīngwén. *I teach English on Friday.*

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3 **1•30** At a conference, Zhao Li is briefing a visitor. Listen several times and figure out what people do and where they work.

Bào Yúntiān

Liú Chàng

Cài Xuán

Lín Jiājia

dàxué *university*
yīyuàn *hospital*
yínháng *bank*
gōngchǎng *factory*
gōngsī *company*
bàngōngshì *office*

Giving your phone number

1 **1•31** Listen to the numbers 0 to 10 and practise saying them aloud.

零	一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	十
líng	yī	èr	sān	sì	wǔ	liù	qī	bā	jiǔ	shí
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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Arabic numbers are widely used in everyday life. People believe that 8 is very lucky and 4 is unlucky. Many go to great lengths to have a phone number or car registration with 8s, and to avoid one with 4s.

2 **1•32** Listen and jot down the numbers you hear.

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3 **1•33** Now listen to these phrases relating to **diànhuà hàomǎ** *phone number*.

Nǐde diànhuà hàomǎ shì shénme?	What's your phone number?
Wǒde shǒujī hàomǎ shì...	My mobile number is ...
Gōngsī de diànhuà hàomǎ shì ...	The company's phone number is ...

4 **1•34** Cài Xuán asks a colleague for her phone number. Try saying her mobile number before you listen, then make a note of her home **jiā** and work numbers. In lists of numbers, 1 is pronounced **yāo**, not **yī**, to avoid confusion with **qī** 7.

Wǒde shǒujī hàomǎ shì 07726 088 098

Wǒ jiā de diànhuà hàomǎ shì

Wǒ gōngsī de diànhuà hàomǎ shì

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de shows possession. It equates to 's or of in English: **Xuán de Xuán's**, **gōngsī de the company's**. It is also used with **wǒ, nǐ, tā** etc.: **wǒde my, nǐde your, tāmen de their**. **De** is often omitted when referring to close personal connections: **wǒ māma my mother, wǒ jiā my home, nǐ lǎoshī your teacher, tā tóngshi his/her colleague**.

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