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Programme Notes

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Language Notes

je suis ...	I am	We've come across this phrase already in the phrase <i>je suis écossais(e)</i>
un professeur	a teacher	
je suis professeur	I am a teacher	Note that there's no word for "a" in this sentence. In French you just say "I am teacher"
une étudiante	(female) student	
un étudiant	(male) student	
je suis étudiant(e)	I am a student	As above, no word for "a"
ingénieur	engineer	
comptable	accountant	
avocat(e)	lawyer	the feminine form is <i>avocate</i> , and the 't' is pronounced in the feminine version
plombier (m) / plombière (f)	plumber	
quel est ton métier?	what is your job? (informal)	the word <i>métier</i> means "job" or "profession"
quel est votre métier?	what is your job? (formal)	
je travaille	I work	
je travaille dans un hôpital	I work in a hospital	
je travaille dans un magasin	I work in a shop	
je travaille dans un restaurant	I work in a restaurant	
je travaille dans une usine	I work in a factory	

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qu'est-ce que tu fais dans la vie?	what is your job? (informal)	This alternative version of asking someone what their job is is literally translated as "what do you do in life?"
qu'est-ce que vous faites dans la vie?	what is your job? (formal)	As above, only formal version
alors, moi...	as for me...	literally: "well, me..."
je ne travaille pas	I don't work	
j'aime mon travail	I like my job/work	Note the difference between the verb <i>travaille</i> as in <i>je travaille</i> and the noun <i>travail</i> in this phrase
je n'aime pas mon travail	I don't like my job/work	

Additional vocabulary

un acteur / une actrice	actor /actress	
un architecte	architect	
un homme d'affaires	businessman	
une femme d'affaires	businesswoman	
un maçon	builder	
un mécanicien	mechanic	
un chef	chef	
un dentiste	dentist	
un médecin	doctor	
un coiffeur / une coiffeuse	hair dresser	
une entreprise	a business, company	
je travaille dans une entreprise	I work in a business/company	
je suis au chômage	I'm unemployed	
je suis à la retraite	I'm retired	



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