

8 I can give personal information

Sandro is studying English in Cambridge. The receptionist needs some **information**.

RECEPTIONIST

SANDRO

- What's your family name?** ~ Bertoli.
And your first name? ~ Sandro.
Could I have your address? ~ 45 Alfred Road.
And the postcode? ~ CB2 4TX.

Now the receptionist is asking Sandro about himself and his family.

- So, Sandro, **where are you from?** ~ Italy.
 (OR **Where do you come from?**)
Whereabouts in Italy? ~ Pisa.
 (OR **Where** in Italy **exactly?**)
What do you do in Pisa? ~ **I'm a doctor.**
 (OR **What's your job?**)
And are you married or single? ~ I'm married.
Have you got any children? ~ Yes. A boy and a girl.
How old are they? ~ The boy's six and the girl's two.

spotlight information

Information means facts about people or things, e.g. name, address, etc. **Information** is uncountable; don't say *an information* or *informations*.

1 In each question, one word is in the wrong place. Correct it.

- ▶ Are married you? *Are you married?*
- 1 What do do you in your country? _____
 - 2 Where do come from you? _____
 - 3 Could I your address have? _____
 - 4 What's your name family? _____
 - 5 What's postcode your? _____
 - 6 How are old your children? _____
 - 7 Have you any children got? _____
 - 8 What's your name first? _____

2 Complete the questions. (You will answer these questions in Exercise 3.)

- ▶ I need some information.
- | | | ABOUT YOU |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | What's your _____ name? | ~ Kovács. _____ |
| 2 | And your _____ name? | ~ Zsuzsa. _____ |
| 3 | Where are you _____? | ~ Hungary. _____ |
| 4 | _____? | ~ The capital, Budapest. _____ |
| 5 | And _____ I have your address? | ~ Tarcali utca 27. _____ |
| 6 | And the _____? | ~ 1113. _____ |
| 7 | And what _____ you do? | ~ I'm an engineer. _____ |
| 8 | Are you _____? | ~ No, I'm still single. _____ |
| 9 | How _____ are you? | ~ I'm 27. _____ |

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions above, or ask another student.

9 I can fill in a form

Meaning	Word	Example	ABOUT YOU
single or married man married woman single woman single or married woman	Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Miss	
family name	surname	Rodriguez	
first name(s)	forename(s)	Maria Helena	
day, month, and year you were born	date of birth	12 June 1985	
	nationality	Argentinian	
first language	mother tongue	Spanish	
	home address	California 2000, Piso 12 Buenos Aires C1289AAN	
phone number during the day	daytime tel	[54] 11 4302 8000	
no means 'number'	mobile no	0341 241248	
not email-number	email address	malena@latinoa.com.ar	
married or single?	marital status	single	
job	occupation	sports teacher	
elementary? intermediate? etc. tick = ✓	level of English (please tick)	elementary ✓ intermediate advanced	elementary intermediate advanced
your written name	signature	Maria Rodriguez	

1 True or false? Write *T* or *F*.

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| ▶ Miss = married or single woman <u>F</u> | 7 level = write your name _____ |
| 1 occupation = married or single _____ | 8 marital status = married or single _____ |
| 2 Mrs = married woman _____ | 9 mother tongue = mother's name _____ |
| 3 Mr = single or married man _____ | 10 email address = where you live _____ |
| 4 surname = first name _____ | 11 date of birth = today's date _____ |
| 5 tick = ✓ _____ | 12 daytime tel = phone number during the day _____ |
| 6 forename = family name _____ | |

2 ABOUT YOU Write your information in the table above.

3 Test yourself. Cover the words and look at the meanings. Can you remember the words?