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Spanish for the Business Person

In this week's publication:

1. Learn about different professions
2. Business tips to note in Venezuela

Profesiones - Professions

Médico / a Doctor / a	} -	Doctor
Enfermero / a	-	Nurse
Abogado / a	-	Lawyer
Piloto / a	-	Pilot
Profesor / a Maestro / a	} - -	Teacher (Secondary School/Tertiary) Teacher (Primary School)
Director / a	-	Principal
Secretario / a	-	Secretary
Bombero / a	-	Fireman / woman
Empresario/a Hombre de negocios Mujer de negocios	} - - -	Businessman/businesswoman
*Dentista	-	Dentist
*Recepcionista	-	Receptionist
*Oficinista	-	Clerk

NB: Those NOT marked with an asterix (*) agree in *gender and quantity* with the subject of the sentence.

E.g. Mi hermano es médico - My brother is a doctor

or

Mi hermana es médica - My sister is a doctor

* These nouns remain the same in both the masculine and feminine forms.

E.g.

Pablo es *dentista* - Pablo is a dentist

or

Anita es *dentista* - Anita is a dentist

To state your own profession, you may say:

Soy + profession

E.g. Soy bombero /a - I am a fireman / woman

NB* The article 'a' is not translated/used in Spanish when speaking about your profession.

Did you know...?

- The Independence Day of the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela** is celebrated on July 5th
- The '*Bolivar*' is the official currency of Venezuela and is currently valued at Bs 2144.60 to US\$1 (Bs 13,511 to TT\$1)
- Similar to other Latin American countries, Venezuelans are very fashion- conscious. Take care to dress in a conservative, yet stylish manner when traveling to Venezuela.
- Generally, Venezuelans tend to stand close to others. Be aware that this is their comfort level and it should be respected.
- In Venezuela time is respected and you are expected to arrive promptly in both business and social settings.

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