

BRIDGE



## USEFUL PHRASES

### Goals and ambitions

to live well / to have a good income / to make a good living [at/doing...] / to make enough to retire early / to get rich / to succeed / to move up the ladder / to work for oneself / to be one's own boss / to run a business [doing...] / to have a family / to get married / to change the world / a steady job / career progression / to have a career / to do something you love / to retire / to complete one's bucket list / a life well-lived

### Jobs and careers

a professional writer, artist, footballer, athlete, etc. / architect / systems administrator / software developer / physicist / (registered) nurse / doctor / general practitioner / dentist / surgeon / journalist / editor / lawyer / geologist / ecologist / investment banker / soldier / spy / teacher / plumber / electrician / politician / accountant / robotics engineer / employed / freelance / a dead-end job

### Work-life balance

to earn enough to travel / either work to live or live to work / [paid/unpaid] overtime / flexitime / flexible working hours / days off / to work the job, not the hours / part time / full time / holidays / a bank holiday / a public holiday / professional life / private life / a working parent / a stay-at-home mum or dad / to put [family, career, etc.] first / to burn out / to take time off / to take a career break / a sabbatical / a career change / to relax / to have some down time / to be a member of a group, team, etc. / to live life to the full / to work from home

### Hobbies and interests

to do sports / to play games / to travel / to explore / to expand your horizons / to experience other cultures / to take an interest in [something] / to keep fit / to exercise / to work around the house and garden / to do DIY / to take a course in [subject of study] / a self-study course / to go

to the cinema, theatre, etc. / to hang out with friends

### Basic security

to pay the bills / to put food on the table / to make ends meet / to get by / to keep the lights on / to cover the rent / to rent or own a home / behind on payments / in debt / to live from month to month or from payday to payday / to live comfortably / comfortably off / well-off / affluent / rich / savings

## PAIR DISCUSSION

Imagine that you have been offered a full-time job. You would have to start as soon as you finish your current school (after your exams). The job is 40 hours per week, plus paid overtime. The pay is double the average and it is a steady job, but it's not exciting and there is not much chance of career progression. With a friend, discuss the pros and cons. Would you take the job? Why or why not?

## PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- What are your priorities in life?
- What are your ambitions? What do you want to do, to be, to achieve?
- Do you have a "bucket list" of things you want to see or do during your life? Which things are on it or what would you put there?

## PICTURE PROMPTS

Look at the pictures on the other side of the card. Choose one and describe the person. What do you think are their priorities in life? What makes this person happy? Would you like this person?

Now compare and contrast the two pictures. Talk about the people you see and the ways they are similar to and different from each other.