

BRIDGE



USEFUL PHRASES

Banking and saving

a bank account / a savings account / a pension fund / a bank branch / online banking / a personal identification number (PIN) / a security question / a bank statement / an interest rate / a fee / a charge / in the red, in the black / an overdraft, to be overdrawn / a credit, debit card / a loan / a mortgage / an account number / a bank code / an exchange rate / credit card fraud / an electronic transfer

Paying bills and taxes

rent / including, excluding utilities / a mortgage payment / a loan repayment / a gas, electricity, water, phone bill / a late payment fee / a penalty fee / to get cut off / to get disconnected / value-added tax (VAT) / income tax / a tax return / an accountant / health and social insurance / tax-deductible / gross income / net income / invoice / monthly payments / proof of earnings

Bureaucracy

the employment office / job centre / red tape / paperwork / notary / a notarised copy / a form / proof of identity, residence, income, etc. / an insurance card / an identity card / a passport / a residence permit / photo ID / a deadline / an application form / to apply

Moving abroad

a tourist, student, work visa / visa application centre / embassy, consulate / residence status / temporary, permanent residence / dual nationality / legalisation (official stamp allowing a document to be used abroad, e.g. birth certificate) / proof of a right to remain (UK) / the EU Settlement Scheme, pre-settled status, settled status (post-Brexit UK) / a green card (US) / an International Driver's Permit (IDP) / vaccinations / certified translation

Daily life

a travel card / a driving licence (*BrE*), driver's license (*AmE*) / an MOT (document showing a motor vehicle meets technical standards) / a student ID / a student discount / age

restrictions / age verification / to claim benefits / unemployment benefit, housing benefit / disability allowance

Citizenship and participation

citizenship / to vote / elections / the local council / the town hall (buildings of the municipal government) / a town hall (in the US, a form of public meeting) / the mayor / a polling station / the electoral roll (registry of who has a right to vote) / a ballot paper / to cast a ballot / a postal vote / local, national, European elections / a candidate / a local councillor / a member of parliament (MP) / a member of the European parliament (MEP) / politics / politician / a senator / a congressperson

PAIR DISCUSSION

Imagine you and a friend are going to move to another country. Think about all the arrangements you will need to make and discuss how you will approach it.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- What "adulting" tasks do you already have to do?
- Do you feel prepared for the adult world of bills, taxes and red tape? What do you think will be most difficult and why?
- What aspects of adult life are you excited about and what, if anything, are you anxious about?

PICTURE PROMPTS

Look at the pictures on the other side of the card. Choose one and describe it.

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

adulting (n., informal): The practice of behaving in a way characteristic of a responsible adult, especially managing boring but necessary tasks. "Adulting" is a new word, coined around 2010. It was shortlisted for Oxford Dictionaries' Word of the Year in 2016.