

a Listen again. Match statements 1–3 to photos a–c.

- 1 Yeah, for example, you can find someone you've lost touch with... It provides that link...
- 2 Joining hands refers to establishing new links with people and how we can do that.
- 3 So that's a barrier as well, of course, something that divides nations and people...



## Connections & prevention

### A Verbs that refer to connecting

- Which of the verbs can collocate with the nouns? Use a dictionary to help you.

break down ⇨  
bridge ⇨  
build ⇨  
contact ⇨  
get in touch with ⇨  
join ⇨  
link ⇨  
reach across ⇨  
unite ⇨

**nouns**  
barriers  
bridges  
borders  
countries  
friends/people  
a gap  
hands

### B Verbs that refer to preventing

*to stop, prevent, deter, block someone from doing something*  
*to avoid talking about something*  
*to put up barriers/walls*  
*to divide /separate nations/people*

#### NOTICE AVOID/PREVENT

Avoid means to stop yourself from doing something.  
*I avoided going there because of the crowds.*  
If we want to stop somebody else from doing something, we use prevent.  
*I prevented him from going there.*

- 1 I ..... some people from seeing my Facebook page.
- 2 Many nations ..... barriers to ..... their people from meeting.
- 3 Sometimes language can ..... people, that's what's called a language barrier.
- 4 You have to do something to ..... everyone from seeing all the details of your private life.

**b** What other important barriers and borders exist in the world today? **Answer in the box below.**

**What activities unite people together?**

**How do you get in touch with your friends?**