

1 Alain is making small talk with Kirsten at a conference. Number their conversation in the correct order 1–12.

- a Kirsten Yeah. See you. ____
- b Alain Hello. It's Kirsten, isn't it? 1
- c Kirsten Yes, isn't it? I'm sure you'll enjoy the change in lifestyle. We decided to stay in the city because the house we wanted needed too much work. ____
- d Alain How are things? ____
- e Kirsten That's right. I thought I might see you here. ____
- f Kirsten That's amazing! We considered that line of business, too! ____
- g Alain No, not at all. Catch you later. ____
- h Alain No? What a coincidence. ____
- i Alain Oh dear. Were you disappointed? ____
- j Alain Yes, it is. In fact, we've bought a small farm and my wife runs a holiday rental business. ____
- k Kirsten No, not really. I don't think our children wanted to move. Well ... You don't mind if I go and get myself some food? ____
- l Kirsten Very good, thanks. I've heard you've moved into the country – is that true? ____

2 Choose the most appropriate phrases in *italics*.

Jamal Hi, my name's Jamal. ¹*I don't think we've met.* / *How are things?*

Alicia ²*No, I don't know you.* / *Nice to meet you.* I'm Alicia. Is this your first Nordica workshop?

Jamal Yes. My colleague is sick so my manager asked me to come instead. Do you know many people here?

Alicia Not really. I was recently transferred from Purchasing.

Jamal ³*What a coincidence!* / *That's lucky!* So was I!

Alicia ⁴*By the way* / *Apparently*, it's our new company policy – transfer rather than hire new people.

Jamal ⁵*Really?* / *Oh dear.* We discussed the idea for our region, too, a few months ago.

Alicia ⁶*Well,* / *By the way*, I'm sure it's a good solution for many companies.

Jamal Yes, you're probably right.

Alicia ⁷*So, / In fact*, would you like a drink? I'm going to get a coffee.

Jamal Not at the moment, thanks. ⁸*Catch you later.* / *Is that the time?*