

**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. <sup>1</sup>*I don't think we've met. / How are things?*

Alicia <sup>2</sup>*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 <sup>3</sup>*What a coincidence! / That's lucky! So was I!*

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

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

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

Jamal Yes, you're probably right.

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

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