

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?