14C Looking ahead

Activity type: Speaking and grammar - Guessing game - Pairs / Whole class

Aim: To practise talking about hopes and plans for the future

Language: be going to, be hoping to, would like to – Use at any point from 14.2.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for each learner.

Time: 25 minutes

- 1 Pre-teach the meaning and use of *be planning to do something* for talking about future events. You could point out that *be planning to* comes between *be hoping to* and *be going to* in terms of how far along you are in the planning process.
- Give each learner a copy of the worksheet. They write their name on the line at the bottom. Learners read the items at the top of the worksheet and choose eight of the twelve to write a short answer for. They write their answers to these eight items, in random order, in the squares on the bottom part of the worksheet. Explain that they don't need to use complete sentences note form is sufficient.
- Divide learners into pairs. Learners swap worksheets with their partner and fold the worksheet along the line. They study their partner's diagram and try to guess what each item refers to. Allow a few minutes for learners to do this.
- 4 Learners work with their partner to see how accurate their guesses were. They should do this by asking questions, e.g. *A car: Is this something you're planning to buy soon?*
- When they have finished, learners choose the four most interesting pieces of information about their partner and report these to the rest of the class. Ask the other learners to listen and decide which other learner in the class they have most in common with.

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- an ambition you're hoping to achieve next year
- the job you're hoping to have in five years' time
- something you're planning to buy soon
- a project you're hoping to finish in the near future
- a present you're hoping to get for your next birthday
- where you're planning to go for your next holiday
- something you're planning to do next weekend
- a book you'd like to read
- a place you'd like to visit in your lifetime
- what you're planning to have for dinner tonight
- a famous person you'd really like to meet
- something you'd like to learn to do in the future

