

- 1** A: Did you read that article about happiness? It says Denmark is the happiest country in the world.
- B: I know. It can't be because of their climate. It's so cold there.
- A: And the taxes are really high. The advantages must be more important than the disadvantages.
- B: Well, one advantage is the education and the health systems. They're really good.
- A: Yes, and all jobs are seen as equal, so people are not so competitive.
- B: There isn't so much crazy consumerism either. Socialising is more important than having money.
- A: But perhaps the main advantage is that Danish people trust their governments and each other.
- B: Yes, that's important. People don't like to feel that other people are stealing from them.
- A: Danish people are more relaxed because they don't have this fear.

- 2** A: Are you enjoying living in Rome, Sally?
- B: Yes, but it's very noisy. I used to live in a village in England, so I wasn't used to the noise at first.
- A: What about the weather?
- B: The weather's very different. British people are used to lots of rain. It's almost always sunny in Rome.
- A: Is it too hot for you in the summer?
- B: Yes, it's terrible! I'm not used to working in these temperatures.
- A: Are you used to speaking Italian yet?
- B: I'm learning. I used to be good at French at school, and my French helps.
- A: What do you think of the food?
- B: It's delicious, but I'm not used to eating so much. I used to be slim when I lived in England, but now I'm getting fatter.

- 3** A: What used to make you happy when you were a child?
- B: I used to love playing football with my father.
- A: And now? What is happiness for you?
- B: Getting a good mark at school, and having fun with my friends.
- A: Do your friends make you feel happy?
- B: Yes, they make me feel really good. When I'm depressed they cheer me up.
- A: What do you usually do with your friends?
- B: We play volleyball and go dancing.
- A: Do new clothes make you happy?
- B: Knowing that I look good makes me feel confident.
- A: And self-confidence is good.

- 4** A: I bumped into an old friend yesterday.
- B: Really? Were you pleased to see him?
- A: Yes, we used to get on really well at primary school.
- B: What did you use to do together?
- A: We used to go to the park and play games.
- B: Has he changed?
- A: Yes. He's been living in the north for three years and he's picked up a different accent.
- B: Is he happy?
- A: Not really. He's a bit depressed because his father's ill. I feel really sorry for him.