

## A

- a** Ask your partner your questions. The answers are in brackets.
- 1 What word collocates with the word 'maternity' to mean 'time off work to have a baby'? (**leave**)
  - 2 What's a more formal way of saying 'need'? (**require**)
  - 3 How can you say 'children' in a more colloquial way? (**kids**)
  - 4 What idiom can you use to say that the wife is more dominant than the husband in a marriage? (**She wears the trousers.**)
  - 5 What phrasal verb is a less formal way of saying 'omit'? (**leave out**)
  - 6 What's a synonym for 'recently'? (**lately**)
  - 7 Can you explain the metaphor 'She has a heart of stone'? (**She has no feelings and is unsympathetic to other people's suffering.**)
  - 8 What's a more informal way of saying 'I recall'? (**I remember**)
  - 9 What's a formal way of saying 'to make sure'? (**to ensure**)
  - 10 What's the phrasal verb which is a synonym for 'postpone'? (**to put off**)
- b** Now answer your partner's questions.

## B

- a** Answer your partner's questions.
- b** Now ask your partner your questions. The answers are in brackets.
- 1 What phrasal verb can you use to say you have a similar personality to someone? (**take after**)
  - 2 What word beginning with the letter *t* is a synonym for boring? (**tedious**)
  - 3 What idiom with *mind* can you use to mean that you can't decide about something? (**I can't make up my mind or I'm in two minds.**)
  - 4 What phrasal verb means to 'become an adult'? (**grow up**)
  - 5 What's an American English word for 'stupid'? (**dumb**)
  - 6 Can you tell me a more formal expression meaning 'because of'? (**due to or owing to**)
  - 7 What do you think this metaphor means? 'When I asked my dad for more money he exploded.' (**He got very angry.**)
  - 8 Can you explain the idiom 'to go with your gut feeling'? (**to use your instinct to decide what to do in a situation**)
  - 9 What's a more informal way of saying 'to adhere to a rule'? (**to follow a rule**)
  - 10 Do you know what the British slang word 'quid' means? (**a pound**)