

15 MONEY

WATCH

- A Watch the video. Write what you hear about the following.**

Where Lidland is.

Whether Lidland is a good place to live.

Education in Lidland.

How the economy is doing in Lidland.

Charlotte's plans for the future.

The problems in Jack's country.

- B Compare your ideas with a partner.**
- C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?**
- D Watch again and check your answers.**

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

- A Practise the conversation in pairs.**
- B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.**
- C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.**
Ask your teacher to stop the video.
Repeat the word(s) / phrases.
- D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.**

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

Jack So ... how's life in your country? No. Actually, first, which country are you from?

Charlotte I'm from Lidland. ¹ _____ ?

Jack *No, sorry. Where is it exactly?*

Charlotte Um ... it's very, very small. Between Latvia and Russia.

Jack Smaller than Latvia! So ... small! *And* ² _____ *there? Is it a good place to live?*

Charlotte Well, ³ _____ is better than it used to be. We joined the European Union a few years ago, and that helped. We received some money to help build roads and bridges and so on.

Jack Well, that's good.

Charlotte Yes, and our schools are better too. The teachers are ⁴ _____, so children enjoy studying more. *English is also very important. We learn from the age of five or six.*

Jack That's great!

Charlotte Except me. I am the older generation.

Jack *And* ⁵ _____ ?

Charlotte Well, since the last election, everything is getting worse. ⁶ _____ has gone up, inflation is going up. It's terrible. I don't know why!

Jack That's awful. I'm sorry.

Charlotte *Yes. Actually, I'm thinking of moving.*

Jack Really? Where to?

Charlotte Maybe to Russia. My boyfriend has family there. *And* ⁷ _____, *so maybe I can find a better job.*

Jack Well, good luck.

Charlotte So how about in your country? How is life?

Jack Ah! This is a very bad question for me, ⁸ _____.

Charlotte Yes? Why?

Jack *Well, we have big problems with politics and with the economy.* There's a lot of corruption and nobody can stop it. It's everywhere. Government, business, the law, everywhere. It's killing us. *And the cost of living is going up and up and up.* Food and rent is ⁹ _____ than it was last year. I mean, now rent in my city is maybe €800 a month for one apartment, but last year it was maybe €600.

Charlotte That's terrible.

Jack We have an economic crisis. The banks ¹⁰ _____, the people have no way to pay for it and now there's no money to spend on anything! It's really very hard. That's why I came here to learn better English. To help me escape, to survive.

Charlotte Oh! So ... shall we change roles? You tell me about your imaginary country.

Jack Yes! Before I start to cry. Or kill someone.