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# Building networks

## Present simple and continuous

**Listening:** A chain of acquaintances

**1** Shake hands with some other students in the class and introduce yourself. Make sure you know everyone's name.

**2** Look at this chain of friends and acquaintances. How many countries do the people come from?

**3** Work in pairs. Ask and answer these questions about each person in the chain.

- 1 Where does he/she live?
- 2 What does he/she do?
- 3 How does he/she know the other people in the chain?

**4** **1.1** Listen to three different people in the chain answering questions. For each person decide who is talking and which person they are talking about.

## Six degrees of separation

Six degrees of separation is the theory that any two people in the world are connected to each other through a short chain of friends and acquaintances. If the theory

is true, on average, it takes just six people to make a chain. Take Gudrun in Germany and Chuck in the USA, for example. Look at how they are connected.



**Gudrun Hohner**  
Waldorf, Germany  
Financial controller



*Gudrun works for the same software company as Sameer*



**Sameer Advani**  
Bangalore, India  
Trainer



*Sameer's niece is studying Maths at a university in the UK*



**Prema Ghuptah**  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
Student

*Prema is training for a marathon. She goes running with Christine.*



**Chuck Bridges**  
Cherry Hill, USA  
Service station owner



*Rob takes his car for service to Chuck's service station.*



**Rob Shaw**  
Philadelphia, USA  
Doctor



*Christine belongs to the same professional organization as Rob. They often meet at conferences.*



**Christine Cowper**  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
Medical researcher