Maturita Card 17: Personal Identification Bridge

• How would you describe yourself and your friends?

I am / My friend is... (quite / very)... tall / short / thin / slim / skinny / fat / chubby / overweight / athletic / muscular / petite / round-faced / oval-faced / attractive / handsome / beautiful / good-natured / friendly / kind / happy-go-lucky / serious / moody / bad-tempered / vain / egoistical / confident / adventurous. I have / she has... short / long / straight / curly / glossy / wavy / blonde / ginger / red / light brown / flaxen hair... blue / brown / hazel eyes... has freckles... wears glasses... has a tattoo.

• What is one thing you would like to change about yourself?

I would like to be... more confident / funny / cleverer / more attractive / quieter / louder / more organized / better at managing my time. I'd like to... work harder and not get distracted so easily / have more talents, for example, I want to learn to play an instrument / improve my English. I wish I would... get on better with my parents / family... not argue with my boyfriend / girlfriend so much... start earning money.

• Can you describe your childhood?

My childhood was... fun / peaceful / quiet / nothing special / difficult / boring... because when I was a child... I went camping / played with my friends / had no worries / my parents cared for me / I just went to school / I stayed at home / I visited my grandparents every weekend / we never went anywhere / my parents didn't have much money / we lived in a very small flat / we only visited our cottage on weekends.

How do you feel at school, at home and / or with your friends?

When I'm at school I am sometimes... nervous that I might fail... stressed about my exams... tired from studying all night... bored with my lessons. At home I am / feel... relaxed when I watch TV / calm when I sit in my room / bored when there's nothing to do. When I'm with my friends I am / feel... happy because we always laugh together / relaxed.

• What would you like to do after the Maturita exam / in the future?

After the exam / high school, I would like... to go to university... to study law / medicine / engineering / history / English... to travel... to stay in an English-speaking country for a while... to get a job... to move out of / away from... home.

• What characteristics do you look for in a boyfriend / girlfriend?

My girlfriend / boyfriend should... be funny / kind / attractive / handsome / beautiful / well-built / curvy /

clean-shaven / in good shape / good natured / friendly / family-oriented / religious / clever / smart / intelligent / loyal... have stubble / a beard / a good figure / good sense of humour / a lot of money / good fashion sense / a car / a sense of adventure / good personal hygiene... want to travel / go out... get along with my friends / family.

• What characteristics do you not look for in a friend / boyfriend / girlfriend?

My friend, boyfriend or girlfriend shouldn't ... be rude / selfish / arrogant / mean / cruel / materialistic / stupid / ugly / bald / overweight / obese / too thin / unpleasant / unfriendly... have facial hair... wear unfashionable clothes... listen to bad music... only want to stay at home... only play computer games... eat only junk food.

• What are your hobbies and interests?

I like / enjoy... reading / swimming / hiking / camping / travelling / going to the cinema / listening to music / dancing / going to cafés / playing computer games / shopping / going to shopping centers (malls) / trying different foods / learning English / playing football (volleyball, basketball, floorball, hockey).

• How have your hobbies and interests changed since your childhood?

My hobbies have changed a lot / a little... My hobbies haven't changed much / at all. When I was young I used to... play with toys... read comics / fairy tales... listen to pop music... go camping... belong to the Scouts. Now, I like spending time with my friends... going to the cinema / dancing lessons / language lessons... reading serious literature... skiing... hiking... playing guitar / drums / in a band. I have always liked / I still like... reading / camping / spending time with friends / listening to music.

• What is your ambition and why?

I would like to be... a journalist because I want to travel / I like writing / I'm curious about the world... a lawyer because... I'm good at arguing / I can communicate well / I believe in justice / lawyers need to be intelligent and I am intelligent... a doctor because... I want to help people / I find medicine fascinating... a travel agent because I like travelling / I want to work with people... a car mechanic because... I want to work with my hands / I am interested in cars... a nanny because... I like to work with children / it could be fun. My dream is to own a shop / café because... I want to be my own boss / it would be interesting / I could sell what I am interested in.

