

# discussion bank

Discuss the following quotes, questions, and statements with your teacher.

## Language

**“Learn a new language and get a new soul.”**

Czech proverb

- 1 What do you know about sign language or Braille?
- 2 How soon – if ever – will Chinese overtake English as a global language?
- 3 What other language would you like to start learning, if you had time?
- 4 Is it possible to be genuinely bilingual or even trilingual?
- 5 Have you ever had to teach English to a friend or colleague? How did you find the experience?
- 6 Talk about what additional language training you would like to see at your place of work.
- 7 What challenges do you think face the learner of: a) Arabic, b) Chinese, c) your mother tongue?



## Food and drink

**“The belly rules the mind.”**

Spanish proverb

- 1 Is the food in this picture your idea of a tasty snack?
- 2 What food and drink is your country most famous for?
- 3 How healthy is the cuisine of your country?
- 4 How good a cook are you?
- 5 Would you describe yourself as having an ‘adventurous palate’?
- 6 Which of the following cuisines have you tried: a) Thai, b) Indian, c) Mexican?
- 7 Is it acceptable to drink alcohol at a business lunch?

