

My past, present and future

Three people talk about their family, education, work and ambitions.



Milena Dušek is Czech. She was born in Prague, where she still lives with her mother and two sisters. She's 18, and she goes to an international school. She is studying English, psychology and economics.

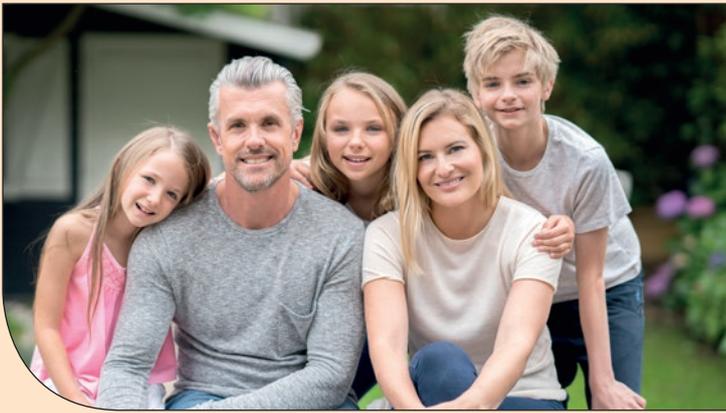
My parents are divorced. My father is a journalist, and works for a newspaper called Blesk. My mother works as a chef in a restaurant in the Old Town. I see my father quite often. He lives nearby.

Milena wants to work in banking. She's going to study business when she's older, so it's important that she speaks very good English. Next summer she's going to London for two months to study at a language school. She's going to stay with an English family, and she's going to learn English for five hours a day. She's excited about going to London, but a little bit worried, too.

She says,

I hope the family are nice, and I hope I like English food!





Georg Reinhardt is an architect. He's married, and he lives with his wife, Karlotta, and three children, in Berlin. Karlotta is a housewife, and their three children go to a local gymnasium (school).

I was born in Frankfurt, where I grew up and went to school. I studied architecture at the University of Munich. I met Karlotta at university, she was a student of modern languages. We moved to Berlin in 1995.

Georg also teaches architecture. Next year he is moving to America, to teach at the University of California in Berkeley for three years. His family is going with him. They're going to live on the university campus, where there is a school for the children. His wife is going to teach German. They're all very excited.

Georg says,

The kids are learning English. They want to see the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. My wife and I are looking forward to living in the sun all year round.





Archie McCrae is Scottish. He was born in Glasgow, where he grew up with his parents and his brother and sister. His father is a doctor and his mother works for the research company, Bayer.

I went to Drumchapel High School. I studied biology, chemistry and physics. At school I met Fiona, and we started going out when we were 16. We studied medicine together at the University of Edinburgh, and now we live in Edinburgh.

Archie and Fiona want to work in developing countries. Next week they're going to Zambia, in Southern Africa, for a year to work in St Francis' Hospital in the east of the country. They're going to train doctors and nurses in villages near the hospital. How do they feel about their trip?

Archie says,

We're very excited, but a bit nervous. Zambia is a beautiful country, but poor. The people are wonderful. I hope we can help them.