

## UNIT 9

# Networks

In this unit, you will:

- discuss different sorts of groups and networks
- study and practise **classifying information** tasks
- study and practise **matching features** / **locating information** tasks.

## Getting started

**1** What are the advantages and disadvantages of being part of these groups?



**2** Which photos do you associate with these expressions?

a sense of belonging    like-minded individuals    depending on one another  
 sharing the workload    shared values    friendly rivalry    learning discipline  
 putting the group first    pooling your resources    survival of the fittest  
 standing out from the crowd    working as a team    enjoying one another's company  
 knowing one another's strengths and weaknesses

**3 Decide whether the extracts below (1–12) refer to groups of:**

A people

B animals

C things.

- 1 After spending some time at the river following a long migration across the plains, the herd moved off into the distance, continuing their journey.
- 2 When the bells ring, the whole crew springs into action with a minimum of fuss. That is the result of weeks of practice drills in training.
- 3 The plan misfired when an alert member of the public called the police. The gang managed to escape, although one was soon captured and put behind bars.
- 4 It's the time of year when they arrive in great numbers: great flocks descend on the lakes each day, and the air is filled with their songs, their warnings and their fighting for territory.
- 5 There were stacks of them all over the floor, dusty volumes that had been unread for years.
- 6 There are, of course, a host of reasons why this happened, some of which will be explored in the next section.
- 7 The jury took the best part of a day to reach a decision.
- 8 It was nothing but a pack of lies from start to finish, and I can't imagine anyone being foolish enough to believe a single word.
- 9 Swarms can be dangerous, so you have to treat them with respect. The last thing you want to hear is the buzz of a thousand angry individuals coming your way.
- 10 In autumn, they fall and lie in great multicoloured heaps on the paths around the estate.
- 11 It was the highlight of my trip: hearing the roars of the pride and then watching as they came into view.
- 12 They managed to push through the throng towards the front in the hope of getting a better view. But the problem was that everyone at the festival seemed to have the same idea.

**4 Match the extracts in Exercise 3 (1–12) with these words (a–l).**

a lions   b bees   c criminals   d books   e explanations   f sailors  
g birds   h crowds   i leaves   j stories   k people   l wildebeest

**5 Look back through extracts 1–12 in Exercise 3 and find at least two more useful expressions for each of the categories in this table.**

<b>quantity</b>	<b>time</b>
<i>a minimum of fuss</i>	<i>spending some time</i>
<b>movement</b>	<b>relating to behaviour</b>
<i>a long migration across (the plains)</i>	<i>springs into action</i>