

# Green Card (USA 1990)

## Key

### **This is how the heart is...**

1. The first time you listen, fill in the following box.

|   | Brontë             | Georges        |
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| What do Brontë and Georges use to illustrate their stories? | <b>Photographs</b> | <b>Tattoos</b> |

2. Listen again and fill in the following gaps in the life stories of Brontë and Georges.

**Brontë** wants her old life to continue as before.

Her grandfather planted a (1) **rose** garden behind her grandmother's house. Her brothers and sisters are, like her, all named after famous (2) **writers**: (3) **Austen**, Lawrence, Collette, Elliot. Her father is a (4) **writer** who lives in (5) **Connecticut**. He has strong opinions and wanted her to do something artistic. She was once a (6) **dancer**, but now she is a (7) **gardener** she thinks he is disappointed. She thinks her father and Georges wouldn't get on. She demonstrated at college against everything. She is in love with Phil who is kind and sensitive and (8) **vegetarian**.

**Georges** is waiting for his life to start.

He left school at 10 and when he was 12 he got a star tattoo, like his father. His father was a (9) **mechanic** who dreamt of travelling like the Romany people. Georges has a heart tattoo which was given to him by one of the two prostitutes ((10) **Elaine** and Michelle) in the town where he grew up. He remembers (11) **Michelle** had beautiful long red hair. The heart is divided in half and this represents how the heart is: (12) **love** and (13) **hate**. People cannot love everything even if they say they do and this tattoo represents (14) **honesty**. He has a knife tattoo which represents (15) **revenge** which he got whilst living on the streets. Someone betrayed him and when he finds this person he will kill them. Then he will get a tattoo on the other side of his arm to show a knife back in its sheaf. He was in jail when young for stealing (16) **cars**, but nothing serious.