



FRIENDS

Discussion

Basic questions

1 How many friends do you have?

**I have...friends.*

2 Do you have many close friends? How did you meet them?

**Yes, I do. I met them through...*

3 How often do you see your friends?

**I see them every...*

4 What is the difference between a friend and a best friend?

**The difference between a friend and a bestfriend is...*

5 What do you and your friends have in common?

**I and my friends have common...*

Extended questions

1 Which of the following do you consider the top 3 important things in choosing your friends?

- money
- gender
- personality
- hobbies/interests
- age
- social background
- looks

**The three important things in choosing my friends are...*

2 What is the craziest thing you did with your friend(s)? Why did you do it?

**The craziest thing I did with my friends is... We did it because...*

3 What is the most important character of a true friend?

**The most important character of a true friend is...*

4 Do you think true friends are easy to find? Why or why not?

**Yes, I think true friends are... because... / No, I don't think true friends...because...*

Vocabulary



1 friendship /'frendʃɪp/

[noun] a relationship between friends

Ex. Did you form any friendships in college?

2 buddy /'bʌdi/

[noun] a friend

Ex. Bob and I have been buddies for years.

3 classmate /'klɑ:smeɪt/

[noun] someone who is in the same class as you at school or college

Ex. We were classmates in highschool.

4 housemate /'hausmeɪt/

[noun] a person that you share a house with, but who is not one of your family

Ex. I had three housemates when I lived in London.

5 acquaintance /ə'kweɪntəns/

[noun] a person that you know but who is not a friend

Ex. Claire has many friends and acquaintances.

Useful Expressions

1 **To make friends (with sb) :** to become a friend of someone.

Ex. I want to make friends with all the people in my company.

2 **BFF :** This means “best friends forever” and is a slang way to say that someone is your very good friend.

Ex. Sara and Sally are BFFs. They go everywhere together.

3 **to have something in common :** share the same interests or personality

Ex. My best friend and I love dogs. That is what we have in common.

Idioms



1 **A friend in need is a friend indeed** - a friend who helps you when you really need help is a true friend.

Ex. When Bill helped me with my money problem, I really learned the meaning of "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

2 **through thick and thin** - through good times and bad times

Ex. They've been friends for 20 years. They've really been through thick and thin together.

3 **fair-weather friend** - A friend who only spends time with you when you are doing well. If you are having trouble this person disappears. He is not a good friend.

Ex. When Tom lost his fortune he realized that he had a few fair-weather friends. They never called him again.

4 **have friends in high places** - to know important people who can help you get what you want

Ex. You'll need friends in high places if you want to get that job.