

FD 16 FRIENDSHIP

BEGINNER



Describe one of your closest friends.

Do you make friends easily?

Do you believe that there is an end to any true friendships?

Do you believe your parents should be your friends?

Do you have any childhood friendships that are still strong today? Tell us about them.

Do you have any long distance friends?

INTERMEDIATE

Are there any famous stories of friendship in your culture? (Eg. David and Jonathan)

What do you usually do with your friends? What factors may result in the breakdown of a good friendship? What is a best friend? What is the longest friendship that you have had? What makes friends different from family? What qualities do you think are important in a friend?

- What is a friend?

What things should friends never do? Why do you like your best friend?

- What are some things you like about your best friend?

Where is a good place to meet new friends?

- Where is a good place to meet a new boyfriend/girlfriend?

ADVANCED

Has a friend ever let you down? Have you made any friends over the Internet?

- How often do you write or send an email them?
- Have you ever met them in person?

How are your friendships different now than they were when you were a child? How do you maintain a good friendship? How do you make new friends? How many people do you consider your "best friends?" Is it common to have friendships across generations?

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of these types of friendships.
- Do you have any friends from a different generation than you?

There is a saying "To have a good friend, you need to be a good friend."

- How can you be a good friend?

More Discussion Questions:

- Are there any famous stories of friendship in your culture? (Eg. David and Jonathan)
- Do you have any childhood friendships that are still strong today? Tell us about them.
- Do you have any long distance friends?
 - How do you keep in touch with your long-distance friends?
 - How often do you see your long-distance friends?
- Do you think it is a good idea to borrow money from a friend? Why or why not?
- Do you think it is possible to have a best friend of the opposite sex without becoming a girlfriend or boyfriend?
- Do you think it would be possible for you still be friends with an ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend?
- There is a proverb that says, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Do you agree?
- Do you believe that there is an end to any true friendships?
- Do you believe your parents should be your friends?
- What do you do if you receive a friend's call but you forgot his/her name?
- Friendship is the most important relationship. Do you agree? Why? Why not?
- What do you like best about your best friend(s)?
- What are some ways your best friend has influenced your life in a positive way?
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- How close do you get to your friends?
- Why do you need a friend?
- What do you do when you have a misunderstanding with your friend?
- Do you trust all of your friends? Why?
- What is the best time for making new friends?
- What was your best friendship?
 - Are you still friends with him or her?
 - What life lessons did you learn from this relationship?
- What qualities do you appreciate in your friends? What makes someone special or best friend?
- Why are friendships important for you? Do you still maintain friendships from the past?
- How long have you known your best friend? Where did you meet and what did you have in common?

- What are some good opportunities to meet new people?
- How can you get to better know a person?
- What is the relationship between love and friendship?
- Who is the most interesting person you have ever met?
- Do you think famous people are happier than ordinary people? Why?
- What type of people do you get along with best?
- What quality do you admire most in people and which one do you find the most objectionable?
- What behavior of others hurts you most? When you have upset someone by your actions, what do you try to do?
- What do you consider to be your good and bad qualities?
- What qualities help you to have good relationships with others?
- What traits or actions make an interpersonal conflict worse?
- Are relationships among people better or worse than a few years ago? Why? Give some examples.
- Do you think that dysfunctional family life contributes to worsening relationships in society?
- Is getting along with others a natural ability from birth or does it have to be learnt?
- How important is forgiveness in human relationships?