I Introduction

Friends

I can talk about friends and friendship.

Tell us what you think is important in a best friend.

JACKO Well, I hope to be supported by a best friend when I have a problem and I expect them to spend time listening to me. I also don't want to have to apologise for being me!

QUEEN I agree. A good friend shouldn't mind putting up with the bad side of my personality. They should also be honest and warn me against doing things they don't think are good. And they should advise me to do things they think are good, even if I decide not to do them!

MATE365 Good points. A best friend doesn't choose to be your friend only when things are going well. They should always be there when you need them!

1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Read the forum posts and discuss the opinions. Do you agree with them? Think of two more things that are important in a best friend.

2 Match the highlighted verbs in the forum posts with the verb patterns below.

1 verb + -ing form
2 verb + infinitive
3 verb + object + infinitive
4 verb + object + preposition + -ing form
5 verb + preposition + -ing form

3 Choose the correct form to complete the sentences.

1 Jack admitted to copy / copying the test.
2 Amy hopes to study / studying medicine.
3 We really enjoyed to visit / visiting the exhibition together.
4 I agreed to go / going to help him with his homework.
5 Mark encouraged me to apply / applying for the summer job.
6 They praised him for to volunteer / volunteering

4 **VOCABULARY** Match the verbs below with the verb patterns in exercise 2. Then add the verbs from exercise 3.

Verb patterns accuse afford beg blame deny end up insist on keep manage mention offer persuade promise propose remind tell thank for think wonder about

5 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs below.

accuse   apologise   ask   insist   remind   think

Max Hi, Lily. You look a bit anxious. What's the matter?
Lily Well, I was ¹_____ of going to Amy's, but she's just texted me to say she's busy all weekend. I think she's angry with me.
Max Why? I thought you were good friends.
Lily We are, but she ²_____ me to go out with her last Saturday and I ³_____ her about Monday's maths exam and said we should stay in and study.
Max That seems reasonable. So what's the problem?
Lily Well, she ⁴_____ on going out and of course she didn't study. She didn't do well in the exam and now she's ⁵_____ me of being a bad friend because I didn't stop her from going out!
Max That's really unfair! She should be ashamed of herself. In my opinion, she should ⁶_____ for being so unreasonable!

6 Find adjectives in the dialogue that correspond with these nouns: *anger, anxiety, shame.*

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7 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Do you think Amy is right to be annoyed with Lily? What would you do in a situation like this?

LEARN THIS! Verbs followed by the infinitive or -ing

1 Some verbs are followed by either the infinitive or -ing form of a verb without any change in meaning.

2 Some verbs change their meaning depending on whether they are followed by an infinitive or an -ing form.

8 Read the Learn this! box. Put the verbs below into the correct group (1 or 2) in the Learn this! box.

continue   forget   go on   like   prefer   remember   start   stop   try

9 Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences. Sometimes both answers are correct.

1 I don't like to go / going to discos.
2 Did you remember to tell / telling Ewan about the party?
3 I tried not to laugh / laughing, but I couldn't stop myself.
4 Anna told me about her holidays; then she went on to talk / talking about life at university.
5 We continued to play / playing video games until midnight.
6 It started to rain / raining as soon as we got to the tennis court.

10 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Tell your partner about something you did recently. Use verbs from this lesson.