TRUE/FALSE

With the days of having hundreds of Facebook 'friends' upon us, real friendships built on respect, a common bond, and shared memories seem to be few and far between in the modern world. We can instantly connect with anyone online, but does that make them a tried and true friend?

On the other hand, the friends you thought you could count on in real life can turn out to be just as distant, flaky, and unreliable as people you've connected within the cyber world. So, how can you make sure that these friendships you have invested so much in emotionally are actually authentic?

1. They accept everything about you, including your flaws.

They don't want to change you. In fact, true friendships mean they embrace everything about you, from your quirks and flaws to your best personality traits. That doesn't mean they have to particularly like or agree with everything you say and do, but they don't bash you or try to alter your personality, either. You feel like you can breathe a big sigh of relief around them. That's because in a sea of billions of people, you've found one person who sees the positive things about you even when you don't see them yourself.

2. They stick with you through both the good and bad times.

This one probably best distinguishes a fake friend from a real one; in hard times, a true friend would never dream of leaving you in the shadows alone. Instead, they offer to help you however they can, and bring you back into the light again. Fake friends often bail on you because they only wanted to stick around when things went well for you, and felt like helping you through your problems was a burden for them.

1. Real friendships are built on respect, a common bond, and shared memories among friends.
2. You can entirely rely on the friends you meet in the cyber world.
3. True friends need to agree with everything you say and do.
4. True friends can see good things about you even when you don't see them yourself.
5. Going through tough time can make you realize who your real friend is.