

3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

- A** Read the article again. What is the article mainly about?
- how all tech companies are helping employees to be better workers
 - the importance of friendships at work and what some companies are doing
 - which companies are the best to work for if you're looking to make new friends
- B** Read the article again. Circle the correct answers.
- People are more loyal to their companies when they have ____ at work.
 - friends
 - free food
 - more vacations
 - Research about friendships at work shows that people _____.
 - aren't interested in having friends at work
 - feel more involved when they have friends at work
 - don't work hard when they have too many friends at work
 - Zappos asks its employees if they know each other so that _____.
 - they think about who they know at work
 - the company can learn more about their employees
 - managers know about friendships at the company
 - Camille James joined the bowling team to _____.
 - get more exercise
 - get to know people
 - learn a new sport
 - Zappos and Google encourage friendships at work by _____.
 - giving away free food
 - providing a gym where people can meet
 - planning fun events for employees
- C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE** Reread lines 34-43 in the article. Think about the phrases *famous for* and *break down the walls*. Circle the correct answers.
- The expression *famous for* means _____.
 - well-known for
 - loved for
 - not known for
 - The expression *break down the walls* means to _____.
 - change offices to make them more open
 - help people get to know each other
 - help people find new jobs at other companies
- D PAIRS** What was the article about? Retell the most important ideas. Use your own words.

4 MAKE IT PERSONAL

Find other companies that encourage friendships at work.



- A** Think about your friends. Where did you meet them? Was it at school, at a job, or somewhere else? How did you meet? Complete the chart.

Friend's name	Where did you meet?	How did you meet?

- B PAIRS** Compare your charts. Did you meet your friends at the same kinds of places?

I CAN READ ABOUT WORK FRIENDSHIPS.