

You've got a friend in me

1.-) Read the following texts of people talking about their friends.

I've always been a very extroverted person and I've never had problems to make new friends. Getting to know new people is a great experience. I'm not one of those people that have a BFF and spend all the time with her. I could say I have lots of BFFs!

Jane, 18 (New York)

My best friend is called Alice and she's also my cousin. We're the same age and we've grown up together. She always gives me the best advice, especially when it comes to girls! She also shares a lot of my interests and we always enjoy each other's company.

Matt, 19 (Seattle)

I know I have a friend for life in Tom. We started high school together. We had moved to town with our families and we were the new kids. Some people started to pick on us at school but we always had each other's backs. Now we're going to different colleges but I know my buddy will always be there for me.

Jack, 18 (California)

Some people say that you cannot make real friends on the Internet but that's not true! I met my friend Laura online and we've been friends for 4 years. We discovered very soon that we had a lot in common. We've kept in touch through email and Facebook. I will meet her when she comes to London this summer but I already consider her a very close friend.

Jessica, 21 (London)

My best friend Helen and I have known each other since kindergarten. We've gone through everything together and I know that I can always count on her. She's one of the people that I know I can trust. We're going to attend the same college together and I'm really excited to start this new stage of my life with her.

Amy, 18 (Chicago)

I met my friend Peter when we were in primary school. We always got on very well. We played together all the time because he was also my neighbour. We lost touch when he moved to another city. Now, we're studying at the same university and we can spend a lot of time together. I'm glad I've found my mate again!

Taylor, 20 (Sydney)

2.-) Match the underlined words in the text with the definitions:

1. To tell someone what you think he/she should do about a problem: _____
2. To stay in contact: _____
3. To like someone and have a friendly relationship with them: _____
4. Informal word that means 'friend' and is mainly used in the United States:

5. To rely on someone to support you or help you: _____
6. To pass time in a specific way: _____
7. To look out for each other, to protect each other: _____
8. To have a good time when you are with someone: _____
9. To treat someone badly, to bully someone: _____
10. Informal word that means 'friend' and is mainly used in the UK and Australia:

11. To like the same things than another person: _____
12. A very good friend: _____
13. To believe that someone is honest and will not do anything against you: _____
14. To stop having contact with someone: _____
15. To know a person better: _____

3.-) Think of your best friend or a close friend. Write a short text similar to the ones you have read in exercise 1. Use some of the expressions of exercise 2.