

1 Getting together

Reading

A Look at the title of the article. Check (✓) the activities you think are in the article.

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| ☐ do aerobics | ☐ go shopping | ☐ play tennis |
| ☐ exercise at the gym | ☐ join a club | ☐ take a dance class |
| ☐ get together and talk | ☐ listen to music | ☐ watch a movie |

B Read the article. How many of your guesses in part A are correct?

World of Friends

Making Friends

Friends are important to all of us. They share our good days and our bad days. They are interested in us and our problems. But how do you make new friends? Here are some suggestions.

When you meet new people, find out what you have in common. Ask questions like, "What do you do in your free time?" or "What do you like to do on the weekends?" If you have things in common, you can do those activities together. It's fun to share your favorite activities with someone. If you both like movies, make a date to watch a movie. Or simply plan to get together one evening and talk – you don't have to spend money or go out to expensive places. Just spend time together.

But how can you meet new people? Think about your interests and the things you like to do. Do you have a hobby? Well, join a club. Do you want to learn to dance? Then sign up for a dance class. Start a conversation with people you meet at these places – you already have something in common.

When you start conversations with people, smile and be friendly. Make eye contact and don't forget to give compliments. People love to hear that they look nice or that you like their things, so be positive. Always listen to what the other person says, and ask follow-up questions.

When you make new friends, don't forget your old friends! Introduce your new friends to your old friends, too. After all, the more, the merrier!

C Read the article again. Match the two parts of each sentence.

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| 1. Friends are important because <u>g</u> | a. when you meet new people. |
| 2. Ask questions about general things _____ | b. spend money – just spend time together. |
| 3. It's good to find out _____ | c. and encourage him or her to talk. |
| 4. It's not important to _____ | d. nice things about themselves. |
| 5. Join clubs or take classes _____ | e. what activities you both like. |
| 6. Listen to the other person, _____ | f. to meet people and make new friends. |
| 7. People love to hear _____ | g. they are interested in us and our problems. |