

**Overview****Watch the video podcast. What do the people talk about?**

1 Watch the video podcast from 0:11- 0:35 and complete Hina's text with one word in each space. Watch it again if necessary.

**Glossary:** *trust* = believe someone will do what they say;  
*depend on* = know someone will help you if you need it



Hi, I'm Hina. I work <sup>1</sup>for the BBC here in London. I know a lot of people here but I only have a few <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ friends. I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in touch with friends by texting, emailing and using social networking <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ like Facebook. For me, a friend is someone I can trust and depend on <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ also someone who makes <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ laugh. Today, we're asking people <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ their friends.

2 Look at the people below and read the things they say. Then watch the video podcast from 0:35-3:02 and match people A-F to six sentences. There are two extra sentences.



- 1 He likes to have really close, close friends.
- 2 She likes friends with the same interests.
- 3 He doesn't like using social networking sites.
- 4 He writes letters to friends to keep in touch.
- 5 She uses MSN and Facebook to keep in touch with friends.
- 6 She likes to have friends who are good at sports.
- 7 He likes to keep in touch with both old and new friends.
- 8 He has quite a large group of friends.

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**3** Do they have a lot of close friends? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 0:35-1:10 and underline the correct word in *italics* in each answer.



1 I've got a nice circle / number of friends.



2 I have a few / many close friends, yeah.



3 Yeah, I've got three / a lot of close friends.



4 I'm not the type of person to have lots of / really close friends.



5 Yeah, I do have quite a few / some close friends.



6 I have a number / a large group of close friends.

**Glossary:** circle of friends = group of friends; a few = some but not many; a number of = quite a lot

**4** How do they keep in touch with their friends? Read their answers in the box below. Then watch the video podcast from 1:11-2:05 and tick (✓) the words you hear every time you hear them. Watch the podcast again if necessary.

telephone ✓✓	write letters	make phone calls	the internet
Skype	email mobile phone	Facebook	text/send text messages

**5** What do they look for in a friend? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 2:08-3:03 and complete the answers with the words from the box.

out fun easy make sense funny



I guess someone who's quite creative, like myself – somebody who likes going <sup>1</sup> out.



Mostly it's people who can <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me laugh.



And <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and easy-going, I guess.



Someone I feel comfortable with. Someone I can be myself with. Someone who's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to.



<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of humour, I think.



They have to be <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, they have to be kind and sincere, they have to be honest.



**Vocabulary**

**6** Match the six words in *italics* in Ex 5 to definitions 1-6 below. Watch the video podcast again and practise saying the words aloud.

- 1 say what you think and tell the truth
- 2 care about other people and treat them well
- 3 be honest and mean what you say
- 4 feel relaxed and not worried
- 5 relaxed and easy to get on with, not often angry
- 6 have a lot of new ideas, use your imagination

*honest*


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**The way we speak**

**7** Watch the video podcast from 1:11-3:20 and complete what the people in pictures 1-6 say. What does *mostly* / *mainly* mean?

**Glossary:** *like* = for example (informal)



Facebook, like, <sup>1</sup> *mainly* and then MSN.



I go to see them but <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ texting and using the internet...



<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, at the moment, through Facebook. I'm always on Facebook.



Skype even, my family <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.



<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like the personality and if they, like, have the same interests as me.



<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it's people who can make me laugh.

**Personalisation**

**8** Write about your friends using the prompts below.

I've got \_\_\_\_\_ (number of friends).

I keep in touch with them \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (how?).

In a friend, I look for someone who \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (qualities).

**FUN FACTS**

The average number of friends we have is 150. Most people have between 6 and 12 good friends. Click on the BBC link below to find out more.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/7920434.stm>

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