

1 Read the text and fill in the missing words.



You've always wanted to be popular in school. You've dreamt a thousand times what it would be like to be the star of your school's football team or that tall blonde girl who everyone fancies.

'Cool' people are attractive, **confident** and always wear 1) outfits. Everyone wants to hang out with them. But often "cool" people aren't very nice! They can be **selfish** and 2) At times they get impatient with people who might be shy or a bit quiet.

If you really want to make some true friends, here are some tips. Don't choose friends based on looks. What really matters in a friend is not being slim and beautiful but **reliable** and generous. Choose friends who are humorous, talkative and who never treat others badly. In fact, these are the people who are truly cool! Try to choose friends that you can actually benefit from. Those who are 3) and have interests other than fashion and parties.

Be **flexible** but don't say or do things that make you feel 4) just to make 'cool' people like you. Always speak your mind. Those who really care for you will still be your friends – even if at times you drive them 5) Remember: real friends are those you can open up to. Those who will 6) their tongue and will never give away your secrets.

Take a minute and think. What really matters? Making friends that count or counting friends?

2 Read the text and mark the statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Popular kids in school are often selfish and bossy.
- 2 A true friend should be reliable and generous.
- 3 It is better to hold your tongue and never speak your mind or you will end up all alone.
- 4 The only way to make new friends is by doing everything they ask you to do.
- 5 You will benefit more from having one friend who is creative and interesting than having ten who are boring.
- 6 A true friend should be able to keep your secrets.
- 7 A true friend will care for you even if at times you get on their nerves.
- 8 What really matters is having a lot of friends.
- 9 People who are truly cool are talkative and friendly.
- 10 'Cool' people are usually ugly.

3 Complete the following:

- a Write three negative adjectives you found in the text.
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- b Write three positive adjectives you found in the text.
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- c Write the opposites of the adjectives in bold.
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