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# Still friends?

It's easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.
*William Blake, 18th century English poet*

## 1 VOCABULARY friendship

**a** Complete the dialogue with the correct tense of a verb or verb phrase from the list.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| keep in touch | argue | know | lose touch |
| stay friends | meet | get along | have in common |

**A** Where did you [1] *meet* ?

**B** At a golf tournament in Santo Domingo.

**A** How long have you [2] _____ each other?

**B** For about ten years.

**A** Why do you think you [3] _____ so well?

**B** Because we have very similar personalities.

**A** What do you [4] _____?

**B** A lot of things, for example we both love playing golf.

**A** Do you ever [5] _____?

**B** Not much. We usually agree about most things.

**A** How do you [6] _____?

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**B** Usually by e-mail and we call each other occasionally.

**A** Have you ever [7]_____?

**B** Only for about a month when we both changed our e-mail addresses and forgot to tell each other!

**A** Do you think you will always [8]_____?

**B** Yes, I'm sure we will. I certainly hope so.

**b** Write the type of relationship after each sentence.

close friends  coworkers  old friends
~~classmates~~  new friends

1 We always do our homework together after school. *classmates*

2 We've known each other since we were kids. _____

3 We only met last month but we get along very well. _____

4 We work together in the same office. _____

5 We tell each other all our secrets. _____

## 2 GRAMMAR *usually* and *used to*

**a** Correct any mistakes in the highlighted phrases. Check (✓) the correct sentences.

1 Did you used to wear glasses?

*Did you use to wear*

2 I didn't use to like Carlos, but now he's one of my best friends.

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3 I usually go swimming before I go to work.

_____

4 He use to be very overweight, but then he went on a diet. Now he's very slim.

_____

5 Did you use to argue with your sister when you were little?

_____

6 My wife doesn't use to drive to work. She normally walks or goes by bus.

_____

7 Where did you used to work before you came here?

_____

8 Do you usually get home before 8:00?

_____

**b** Complete the sentences with *usually* or the correct form of *used to*, and the verb in parentheses.

1 She *used to go* (go) to the movies every week, but she doesn't have time now.

2 We never _____ (eat out), but now we go to a restaurant twice a week.

3 We _____ (visit) my parents on Sundays if I'm not working.

4 _____ (you / wear) a uniform when you went to school?

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5 I _____ (go) to the gym three times a week, but not anymore. I'm too busy.

6 He _____ (not like) children, but now he's the perfect father.

7 **A** _____ (you / work) late on Fridays?
**B** No, today was an exception.

8 He _____ (be) very patient, but now he's really impatient.

9 _____ (they / go) to the beach a lot when they were kids?

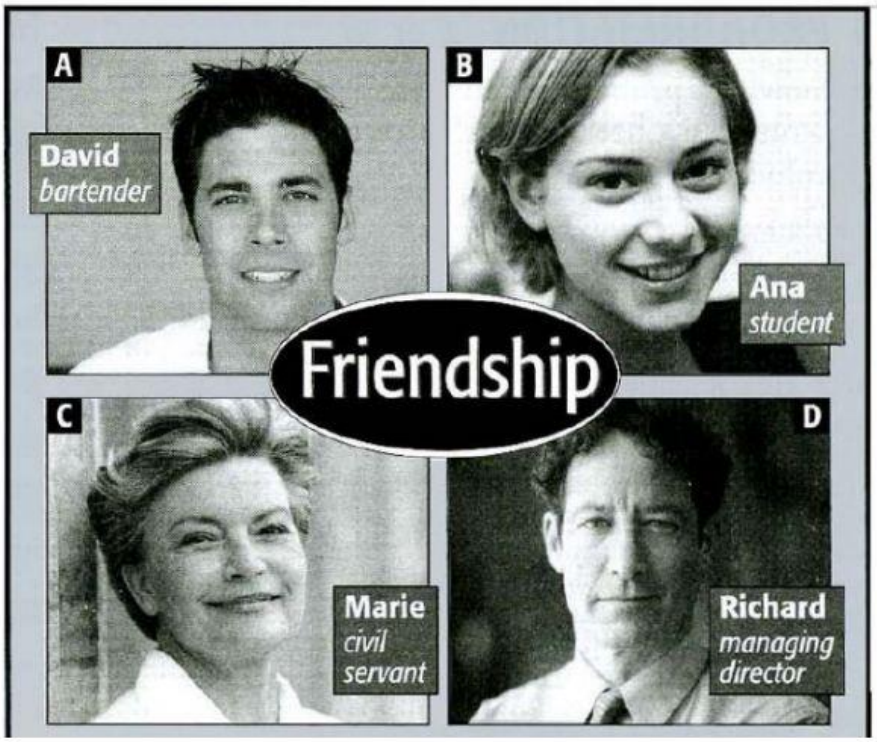
10 We _____ (not have) a long vacation, but this year we're going to Australia for six weeks!

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# 3 READING

## a Match each text to a person A–D.




**We often use the word 'friendship' but what does it really mean? What is a close friend? We asked two generations, male and female, to say what they thought:**

(1) _____I think a close friend is someone you get on really well with, who helps you when you have problems, who gives you advice, and who always has time for you. I didn't use to have many close friends when I was at school or at university as I was very shy, but now i have several. They are all women - I think ifs difficult to have a close friend of the opposite sex.

(2) _____ I think a close friend is someone who you've known for a long time, and who you still get on with. They probably have similar hobbies to you so you can do things together. I've got three close friends who I was at secondary school with and we often go away together (without our parents of course). We either go camping or we stay in youth hostels but somewhere we can go walking play football, and be outside in the open air.

(3) _____ I'm not sure how to answer the question because I don't really have any close friends. I know a lot of people but mainly through work,

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and the sort of social occasions when we meet are business dinners, things like that I think if you come from a really close family, which I do, then friends are a bit superfluous. The little free time have I prefer to spend with my family.

(4)_____ For me close friends are the people you spend your free time with. I go out at weekends with a group of people - there are about seven of us, and I'd say they are my close friends. They're also people who live near me. I don't think you can have close friends at a distance, you need to be able to see each other often. But I don't think you need to be doing the same things, I mean I'm at university but none of my friends are.

**b** Read the article again and answer the questions with A, B, C, or D.

Who ...

1 ... thinks that you can't have close friends who live far away? ___

2 ... thinks that relatives are more important than friends? ___

3 ... has more friends now than before? ___

4 ... thinks that close friends need to have a lot in common? ___

5 ... thinks that having friends isn't a necessity? ___

6 ... has close friends who enjoy physical activity? ___

7 ... doesn't think that women and men can be close friends? ___

8 ... doesn't have the same occupation as their close friends? ___

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## 5 HOW WORDS WORK *get*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *get* or a phrase with *get*.

1 Everyone *got* very excited when they were watching the game.

2 We _____ _____ very well with our neighbors. In fact, we are good friends now.

3 I _____ _____ the party late because I missed my train.

4 How many e-mails do you _____ every day?

5 He's a little shy, but when you _____ _____ _____ him he's very nice.

6 I went to the *Friends Reunited* website because I wanted to try to _____ _____ _____ with an old school friend.

7 I _____ _____ _____ my old car and I bought a new one.

8 Can we stop playing now? I'm _____ very tired.

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## More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

| Word | Pronunciation | Translation |
|---|---|---|
| reply *noun and verb* | /rɪ'plaɪ/ | |
| useful *adjective* | /'yusfl/ | |
| break up (with sb) *verb* | /breɪk ʌp/ | |
| get in touch with *verb* | /gɛt ɪn tʌtʃ wɪθ/ | |
| get rid of *verb* | /gɛt rɪd əv/ | |
| make an excuse *verb* | /meɪk ən ɪk'skyus/ | |
| realize *verb* | /'riəlaɪz/ | |
| tend to *verb* | /tɛnd tə/ | |
| wonder *verb* | /'wʌndər/ | |

## CAN YOU REMEMBER...?

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**Complete each sentence with one word.**

1. I _____ to wear a uniform when I was in high school.
2. This _____ be the way out. There's an exit sign.
3. _____ you be able to come tomorrow?
4. You won't pass your exam _____ you study harder.
5. _____ you go to their party if they invited you?
6. He _____ to be very fat but now he's thin.

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