

1.2 How many friends?

Grammar Present Simple and Present Continuous

Can do start a conversation with a stranger

Listening

- 1 a** Work in pairs and discuss the questions.
- Who do you consider to be your best friend?
 - Where and when did you meet them?
 - What do you like about them?
 - How are they different from you?

b 1.5 Listen to Pete answering the same questions about his best friend, and note down his answers.

Vocabulary | personality

- 2 a** Work in pairs. Complete the definitions (1–10) with the adjectives from the box.

dependable encouraging generous
jealous kind-hearted mean
pleasant selfish sulky upbeat

- A/An _____ person is friendly and well-behaved.
- A/An _____ person cares about you and wants to help you.
- A/An _____ person always does what you need them to.
- A/An _____ person is unhappy if you have something they'd like themselves.
- A/An _____ person happily gives you whatever you need.
- A/An _____ person has a positive, optimistic attitude.
- A/An _____ person tries to give you the confidence to succeed.
- A/An _____ person is angry and unhappy for long periods.
- A/An _____ person thinks of themselves first.
- A/An _____ person doesn't like giving anything away.

b Choose three adjectives in exercise 2a which you think are most important in a good friend. Explain why.

c Work in pairs. Tell your partner about a friend who one of the adjectives in exercise 2 describes. Explain why.

When I lost my job last year, my friend Lucia was really encouraging. She kept telling me I would get a better job soon, and I have!

Pronunciation | sounds and spelling: ea

- 3 a** 1.6 Listen to the four ways in which 'ea' can be pronounced. Then put the adjectives from the box in the correct column.

fearful jealous kind-hearted mean pleasant upbeat

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b 1.7 Listen and check your answers.

c Put more words that you know with 'ea' into the correct column.

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Speaking

- 4 a** Work in pairs and discuss the questions.
- When was the last time you made a new friend?
 - How did you meet?
- b** Complete the How to... box with the headings below.
- at a bus stop
 - at a party
 - on public transport

How to... start a conversation with a stranger

- A _____ : Cold today, isn't it?
: Excuse me, could you tell me the time?
- B _____ : Excuse me, is anyone sitting here?
: Is it always this crowded?
- C _____ : So how do you know Jason? (the host)
: Have you tried this chicken? It's delicious!

c Respond to each conversation starter in the table in exercise 4b.

d Work in pairs. Choose a conversation starter and write a short conversation.

A: *Have you tried this chicken? It's delicious!*

B: *No, it looks good though. You should try some of the fish. I think Mary made it herself.*

