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Coursebook Pages (22 & 23)

Theme 2

Unit 3 Teenage Friendships

1- Read the girls' questions and opinions about teenage friendships.

After each question, suggest a solution to help this girl and write it in the box under each bubble.

1 **Friendships are extremely important to teenagers. Teens often think that their friends are the only people in the world who can understand them. In groups, discuss these common teenage questions about friendship. Do you have a question of your own that you would like to discuss?**

I like my friends but I don't always like what they do. What shall I do?

Why do all my friendships seem to be changing?

I still like my old friends, but they aren't interested in the same things as me any more. What can I do?

How can I begin a new friendship with someone I like?

My parents don't like my friends. What can I do?

Write a similar problem you face with your friends :

2- *Listen to an interview with Emily, a 17 year old student at an international school in Muscat.*

- ***Before*** *you listen, read through the five questions below.*
- *As you listen,* ***make*** *notes in your exercise book to answer the questions.*
- ***Write*** *your answers under each question.*

Click here to listen to the interview:

a How important are Emily's friends to her?

b What qualities are important to her in a friend?

c Does she have friends from other countries? If yes, which countries?

d What are the benefits of having friends from other cultures?

e Has she had difficulties because of having friends from other cultures?

3- *In groups, discuss the letter below to a problem page from a 16 year old boy.*

Dear Counsellor,

I'm writing to you about a very worrying problem. I can't seem to maintain friendships. When I become friendly with another boy, it's OK at first. But then after a time, the other boy loses interest in me and doesn't talk to me any more.

Everyone in my class has a good circle of friends. But not me. I feel so lonely because, when I have a problem, I don't have anyone to share it with. What can I do?

Yours, Lonely

- ***Think of some possible reasons for this boy's problem. What advice would you give him ?***

Start your advice with one of these phrases :

You should . . . . . A good idea would be to . . . . . .
Our advice is that . . . . . We think the best thing for you to do is . . . . .

My advice is: