

# The Tale of Two Friends

Once upon a time, there were two friends, Lily and Alex, who met on the first day of school. Lily was shy and \_\_\_\_\_ hard to **fit in** with her classmates, while Alex was \_\_\_\_\_ and seemed to **get along** with everyone effortlessly.

One day, the teacher assigned them a project. Lily and Alex had to work together. To \_\_\_\_\_, they **hit it off** immediately. They shared the same \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoyed each other's company.

As the school year went on, Lily started to \_\_\_\_\_ with her classmates more, thanks to her friendship with Alex. However, Alex noticed that Lily often seemed sad. She seemed to **bottle up** her emotions, and it \_\_\_\_\_ him.

One day, Lily's pet dog \_\_\_\_\_, and she couldn't **cheer up** no matter what Alex tried. She **broke down** and cried in class.

Alex didn't want Lily to **drift apart** from him \_\_\_\_\_ this difficult time. He decided to talk to her, \_\_\_\_\_ her to **pull herself together** and share her feelings.

Gradually, Lily began to feel better. She realized that she didn't have to face her \_\_\_\_\_ and that true friends like Alex \_\_\_\_\_ be there for her.

Their friendship **stood out** as a beacon of support and understanding, teaching \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of helping others **cheer up** and face their \_\_\_\_\_.