

Look at the examples and choose true or false

Stan I ran into Tammy today. She's really upset.

Alexa Oh, yeah? And why's that?

Stan Because I "unfriended" her.

Alexa Oh, that's awkward. How did she find out?

Stan I'm not sure, actually.

Alexa Huh. So why did you "unfriend" her?

Stan Well, it was nothing personal. It's just that every once in a while, you know, when I'm updating my profile, I'll remove people – if we haven't been in touch for some time.

Alexa But you emailed her, right? I mean, you let her know?

Stan No. I didn't think she'd be offended.

Alexa So you just delete people that you're not in touch with?

Stan Yeah. It's no big deal.

a. The questions in orange

b. The questions in blue

Look how the questions that check meaning have a normal structure, like normal sentences

ask for new information

check understanding

Match the questions in the correct box

Questions about new information	Checking questions

I mean, you let her know?

And why's that?

How did she find out?

So you just delete people you're not in touch with?

So why did you "unfriend" her?

But you emailed her, right?

Circle the correct option to complete the conversation.

1. *A* Have you ever removed someone from your list of friends online?
B Actually, I don't have one. I'm not on a social networking site.
A **And you just tend to add people? / So how do you keep in touch with people?**
2. *A* Do you think it's OK to "unfriend" people?
B Oh, yeah. People do it all the time, I'm sure.
A **Yeah. But why do they do it? / So they never remove anyone?**
3. *A* What would you do if someone deleted you from their friends list?
B It depends. I probably wouldn't say anything.
A **But you'd say something if it was a good friend? / And you'd call them, right?**

What questions would you use to ask for new information (NI) or check the information (CI)?

Look at the expressions from the list and discuss with a classmate to complete the ideas

1. If I meet someone unexpectedly, I just give them a hug and say "hi". (CI)
2. When I say something to someone because I want to criticize him or her, I tend to be polite and direct. (NI)
3. If I feel offended by a comment, I just leave. (CI)
4. If there is a person I don't keep in touch with, I just delete it. (NI)
5. When I find out someone unfriended me, I text them to check what's going on. (CI / NI)