

USE OF ENGLISH - B2

Family and friends

1a Complete the sentences with the pronouns in the box.

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1. I wanted my father to repair my car but in the end I did it
2. I was surprised to find out that my new friend's family is much bigger than
3. dancing was so funny that my friends couldn't stop laughing.
4. My mother told I should help her more with the housework.

1b Complete the text with the correct pronouns.

My friend and I met in (1) first year at university. We always help (2) other when we have problems of any kind. In fact, we talk every day even if we are really busy with other things. A friendship like (3) is special. I know lots of people who have lost contact with friends they met at university, and that's sad. They should ask (4) how they let that happen.

Exam task

2 For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: (0) ABOUT

The importance of friendship

It is undeniable that friendship is important for just (0) everyone. Individuals with several close friends are usually happier than those (1) Good friends often know things that family members may not be aware of, even (2) they have lived together for years. This is probably (3) when in the company of a good friend we share our secrets and dreams. Friends turn to one (4) for suggestions on how to solve their problems. There is a tendency (5) close friends to be very honest, sometimes saying things the other person may not want to hear!

Good friends stick together, and the best relationships may last a lifetime. It is (6) surprise that most friends have similar personalities, which reduces the risk of conflict. However, people don't always have an accurate picture of (7) their true friends are. Research shows that in a surprising number of cases a person someone considers a good friend doesn't feel the (8) about them.

