

READING

4 A Read the forum post and tick the ideas you agree with.

HELP! forum

Question

Jon,
Ontario

My friend Sam often asks me for money. I usually say no, but sometimes I give him ten or twenty euros. The problem is he never pays me back. I don't want to ask him, but I feel bad about the whole thing. Help!

Beth writes:

Talk to him about it. Tell him how you feel. You say he's your friend and real friends listen to each other. But remember: money and friends don't mix. Good luck!

Karl writes:

I don't think he's a real friend. It's time to end the friendship - tell him to give you the money and then say goodbye!

Steve writes:

Forget the money. Friends are everything. Money's not important - but don't give him more money!

Question

Patsy,
Christchurch

I work with Joanne and I really like her, but we aren't friends. The problem is that she thinks we're friends. She often asks me to meet her after work and at the weekend. She phones me three or four times a week and she just wants to chat. Help!

Levente writes:

Maybe it's a good idea to meet her just once at the weekend. You say you like her - well, give her a chance. Good luck!

Miki writes:

That's a problem. Tell Joanne the truth - you're a friendly person, but you aren't her friend!

Cynthia writes:

That's really difficult. Change your telephone number... or don't answer the phone. She needs to understand that you don't want to be friends.

B Read the forum post again. Underline two names for each sentence.

1 They're friends.

Sam Joanne Jon Patsy

2 They aren't friends.

Sam Joanne Jon Patsy

3 They say: Don't be friends with him/her.

Beth Karl Levente Miki

4 They say: Tell the truth.

Beth Steve Miki Cynthia

5 They say: Be friends with him/her.

Karl Steve Levente Cynthia