3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A Read the article again. What is the article mainly about?

a. how all tech companies are helping employees to be better workers
b. the importance of friendships at work and what some companies are doing
c. which companies are the best to work for if you're looking to make new friends

B Read the article again. Circle the correct answers.

1. People are more loyal to their companies when they have ___ at work.
   a. friends   b. free food   c. more vacations

2. Research about friendships at work shows that people ___.
   a. aren't interested in having friends at work
   b. feel more involved when they have friends at work
   c. don't work hard when they have too many friends at work

3. Zappos asks its employees if they know each other so that ___.
   a. they think about who they know at work
   b. the company can learn more about their employees
   c. managers know about friendships at the company

4. Camille James joined the bowling team to ___.
   a. get more exercise   b. get to know people   c. learn a new sport

5. Zappos and Google encourage friendships at work by ___.
   a. giving away free food
   b. providing a gym where people can meet
   c. planning fun events for employees

C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE Reread lines 34-43 in the article. Think about the phrases *famous for* and *break down the walls*. Circle the correct answers.

1. The expression *famous for* means ___.
   a. well-known for
   b. loved for
   c. not known for

2. The expression *break down the walls* means to ___.
   a. change offices to make them more open
   b. help people get to know each other
   c. help people find new jobs at other companies

D PAIRS What was the article about? Retell the most important ideas. Use your own words.

4 MAKE IT PERSONAL

Find other companies that encourage friendships at work. 🔍

A Think about your friends. Where did you meet them? Was it at school, at a job, or somewhere else? How did you meet? Complete the chart.

Friend's name	Where did you meet?	How did you meet?

B PAIRS Compare your charts. Did you meet your friends at the same kinds of places?

☐ I CAN READ ABOUT WORK FRIENDSHIPS.

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