

4B How to get along

2 Read the text and choose the correct answer from a–d.

All of the writers ...

- a tell their own story about friendship.
- b make suggestions for readers.
- c advise readers to listen and offer help.
- d say how difficult it is to get along with people.



Skill identifying attitude

When reading a text, try to figure out the writer's attitude towards the topic.

Attitude is not always explicitly stated, so try to understand the details of the text first, and then consider how the writer feels about the topic in general.

- Look for language that expresses opinions and feelings, which is often more explicitly stated than attitude.
- If there are questions with the text, look for key words in the questions and find synonyms for these in the text. Then read that part of the text in detail.

3 A Read the Skill box. Then match questions a–f below with paragraphs 1–5. There is one question that you don't need.

Which person:

- a believes in seeing things from other people's perspectives?
- b feels we need to avoid offending people?
- c feels people don't take friendship seriously enough?
- d thinks everyone appreciates a little assistance from time to time?
- e recommends paying close attention to what people are saying?
- f likes finding things in common with others?
