

## PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

### 1 OVERVIEW: Watch the video. What do the people talk about?

### 2 Watch the video from 0:11–0:35 and complete Hina's text with one word in each space. Watch it again if necessary.

Hi, I'm Hina. I work <sup>1</sup>for the BBC here in London. I know a lot of people here but I only have a few <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ friends. I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in touch with friends by texting, emailing and using social networking <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ like Facebook. For me, a friend is someone I can trust and depend on <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ also someone who makes <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ laugh. Today, we're asking people <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ their friends.

**Glossary:** trust = believe someone will do what they say  
depend on = know someone will help you if you need it



### 3 Look at the people below and read the things they say. Then watch the video from 0:35–3:02 and match people A–F to six of the sentences below. There are two extra sentences.



- 1 He likes to have really close, close friends.
- 2 She likes friends with the same interests.
- 3 He doesn't like using social networking sites.
- 4 He writes letters to friends to keep in touch.
- 5 She uses MSN and Facebook to keep in touch with friends.
- 6 She likes to have friends who are good at sports.
- 7 He likes to keep in touch with both old and new friends.
- 8 He has quite a large group of friends.

4 Do they have a lot of close friends? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 0:35–1:10 and underline the correct word in *italics* in each answer.



1 I've got a nice circle/number of friends.



2 I have a few/many close friends, yeah.



3 Yeah, I've got three/a lot of close friends.



4 I'm not the type of person to have lots of/really close friends.



5 Yeah, I do have quite a few/some close friends.



6 I have a number/a large group of close friends.

**Glossary:** *circle of friends* = group of friends  
*a few* = some but not many  
*a number of* = quite a lot

5 How do they keep in touch with their friends? Read their answers in the box below. Then watch the video from 1:11–2:05 and tick (✓) the words you hear every time you hear them. Watch the video again if necessary.

telephone ✓✓ write letters make phone calls the internet Skype  
 email mobile phone Facebook text/send text messages

6 What do they look for in a friend? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:08–3:03 and complete the answers with the words from the box.

out fun easy make sense funny



I guess someone who's quite creative, like myself – somebody who likes going <sup>1</sup>out.



Mostly it's people who can <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me laugh.



And <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and easy-going, I guess.



Someone I feel *comfortable* with.  
 Someone I can be myself with.  
 Someone who's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to.



<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of humour, I think.



They have to be <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, they have to be *kind and sincere*, they have to be *honest*.

7 **VOCABULARY:** Match the six words in *italics* in Exercise 6 to definitions 1–6 below. Watch the video again and practise saying the words aloud.

1 say what you think and tell the truth

honest

2 care about other people and treat them well

care

3 be honest and mean what you say

honest

4 feel relaxed and not worried

relaxed

5 relaxed and easy to get on with, not often angry

easygoing

6 have a lot of new ideas, use your imagination

imaginative

8 **THE WAY WE SPEAK:** Watch the video from 1:11–3:20 and complete what the people in pictures A–F say. What does *mostly/mainly* mean?

Glossary: *like* = for example (informal)



Facebook, like, <sup>1</sup>mainly and then MSN.



I go to see them but <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ texting and using the internet ...



<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, at the moment, through Facebook. I'm always on Facebook.



Skype even, my family

<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.



<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ like the personality and if they, like, have the same interests as me.



<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it's people who can make me laugh.

9 **PERSONALISATION:** Write about your friends using the prompts below.

I've got \_\_\_\_\_ (*number of friends*).

I keep in touch with them \_\_\_\_\_ (*how?*).

In a friend, I look for someone who \_\_\_\_\_ (*qualities*).