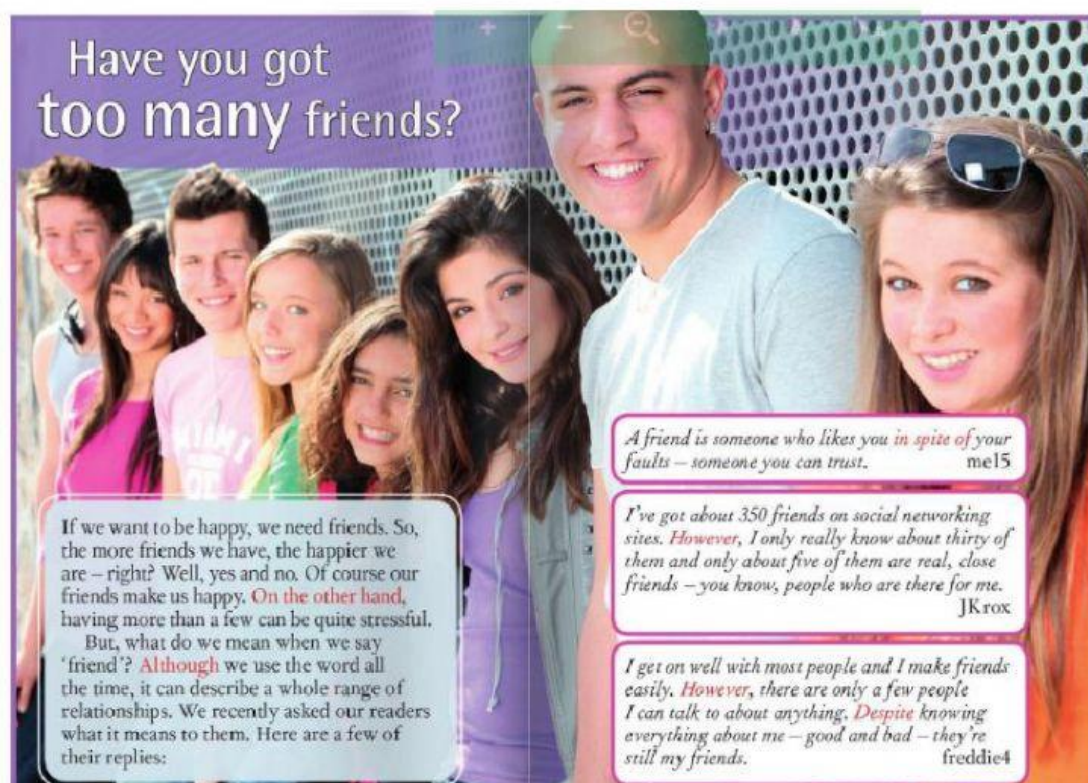


## IN SPITE OF YOUR FAULTS,.....

### 1. LISTEN AND READ:



Have you got too many friends?

If we want to be happy, we need friends. So, the more friends we have, the happier we are – right? Well, yes and no. Of course our friends make us happy. **On the other hand**, having more than a few can be quite stressful. But, what do we mean when we say 'friend'? **Although** we use the word all the time, it can describe a whole range of relationships. We recently asked our readers what it means to them. Here are a few of their replies:

*A friend is someone who likes you in spite of your faults – someone you can trust.*  
mel5

*I've got about 350 friends on social networking sites. **However**, I only really know about thirty of them and only about five of them are real, close friends – you know, people who are there for me.*  
JKrox

*I get on well with most people and I make friends easily. **However**, there are only a few people I can talk to about anything. **Despite** knowing everything about me – good and bad – they're still my friends.*  
freddie4

### NEW WORDS:

on the other hand- от друга страна

although- въпреки че

describe- описвам

recently- напоследък

in spite of- въпреки

fault- грешка

trust- доверявам се

despite- въпреки

break up- късам с някого, разделяме се

get engaged to- сгодявам се

get divorced to- развеждам се

ask out- каня на среща

get on well- разбирам се с някого добре

make up with someone- събираме се отново /след раздяла/

2.

**Answer true, false or doesn't say.**

- 1 You need friends to be happy. *true*
- 2 'Friend' doesn't always mean the same thing.
- 3 All of *JKrox*'s friends are on social networking sites.
- 4 *freddie4* isn't very friendly.
- 5 *me15* and *freddie4* say the same thing about friends.

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**Recall** Choose the correct options. Then check the Topic vocabulary on page 128.

- 1 **have** / **get** an argument with someone
- 2 break **out** / **up** with someone
- 3 **get** / **fall** engaged **with** / **to** someone
- 4 ask someone **up** / **out**
- 5 **have** / **get** on well with someone
- 6 **get** / **fall** in love with someone
- 7 go **out** / **in** with someone
- 8 **have** / **get** divorced **to** / **from** someone
- 9 make **in** / **up** with someone

**4. USE THE VERBS FROM THE BOX TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES**

- make friends (with)
- be close friends (with) • be there for
- trust • keep in touch (with)
- lose touch (with)

- 1 I've met Pete a few times, but we aren't *close* friends.
- 2 Sam is shy, so he doesn't <sup>(2)</sup> easily.
- 3 Matt is my friend. He's always <sup>(3)</sup> me.
- 4 I'm sorry you're moving away. Let's not <sup>(4)</sup>.
- 5 He isn't my friend. I don't <sup>(5)</sup> him.
- 6 When I go on holiday, I always <sup>(6)</sup> with my friends by text!