

A. Discuss the following questions.

- Who is your best friend? What is he or she like? Describe him or her to your partner.
- Why is he or she your best friend? What special qualities does he or she have?

B. Match the words below with the definitions.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. to catch up | a) to become familiar with someone's personality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. to get back in touch/contact | b) to tell each other your latest news |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. to get on well | c) to communicate with someone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. to get to know each other | d) to have a friendly relationship with someone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. to have a lot in common | e) to have many similar interests and opinions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. to hit it off | f) to like each other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. to keep/stay in touch/contact | g) to see and talk to someone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. to lose touch/contact | h) to stop talking to someone because you are angry with him or her |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. to meet | i) to spend time with someone by appointment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. to meet up | j) to start communicating with someone after a period of no communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. to fall out (with someone) | k) to stop communicating with someone |

C. Fill the gaps below with the words from B in the correct verb tense form.

- I first him when I was at school.
- We immediately. We enjoyed spending time together from the start.
- We We liked the same music and the same sports.
- We well. We learned a lot about each other.
- We when I went away to university. I was too busy to email or phone him.
- We after university. I rang him one day because I missed him.
- We because we understand each other.
- We never with each other because we tend to agree with each other on most things.
- We by email and phone. We speak to each other at least once a week.
- We once a month or so. We usually go to pub together then have a pizza.
- We enjoy with each other. It's nice to chat about what's happening in our lives.

D. Listen and answer the questions.

Listen to Antonia talking about a friend who is different from her and look at the questions.

- a. What is her friend's name?
- b. How long has she known each other?
- c. Where did they meet?
- d. Why did they become friends?
- e. In what ways are they different?
- f. What do they have in common?
- g. Have they ever had a fight?
- h. What kinds of things do they do together?
- i. When was the last time she saw her friends?

D. Ask your partner the questions below.

- 1. How did you meet your best friend?
- 2. Did you hit it off immediately?
- 3. What do you have in common?
- 4. Have you ever lost touch/contact?
- 5. Why exactly do you get on well together?
- 6. Have you ever fallen out with each other?
- 7. How do you keep/stay in touch/contact?
- 8. How often do you meet up?
- 9. Do you enjoy catching up together?

E. Discuss the following questions with your partner (take turns per question).

- 1. Who are your closest friends? What are they like? Describe them to your partner.
- 2. What do you and your friends usually do together?
- 3. Who is your oldest friend? How long have you known each other?
- 4. Do you find it easy to make new friends? Why (not)?
- 5. Who is your newest friend? How did you meet?
- 6. What qualities are most important to you in a friend? Honesty? A sense of humor? Something else?
- 7. Have you ever had a pen-pal? Why (not)?
- 8. Why do some people like having a pen-pal?
- 9. How do you keep in contact with friends who don't live near you? How difficult is it to stay in touch?
- 10. Have you ever made friends with someone through the Internet? Have you ever met this person face-to-face? Why (not)?
- 11. Do you think a man and a woman can be 'just good friends'? Why (not)?
- 12. What is more important to young people nowadays, friends or family? Which is more important to you, and why?
- 13. Are you a good friend? What qualities do you offer your friends?

F. Discuss the following statement.

A man's best friend is his dog.