

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



Mostly it's people who can ⁴ make me laugh.



And ² fun and easy-going, I guess.



Someone I feel *comfortable* with. Someone I can be myself with. Someone who's ⁵ easy to talk to.



³ outgoing of humour, I think.



They have to be ⁶ kind, 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	<u>honest</u>
2 care about other people and treat them well	<u>kind</u>
3 be honest and mean what you say	<u>honest</u>
4 feel relaxed and not worried	<u>relaxed</u>
5 relaxed and easy to get on with, not often angry	<u>easygoing</u>
6 have a lot of new ideas, use your imagination	<u>imaginative</u>

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)



A Facebook, like, ¹mainly and then MSN.



B I go to see them but ²_____ texting and using the internet ...



C ³_____, at the moment, through Facebook. I'm always on Facebook.



D Skype even, my family

⁴_____.



E ⁵_____ like the personality and if they, like, have the same interests as me.



F ⁶_____ 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*).