

4.3 Reading

A problem page for teens

1 WORD FRIENDS Choose the correct option.

- 1 My first / best friend is called Alice.
- 2 It's difficult to get / go to know people when you move to a new town.
- 3 I'm always shy when I meet someone on / for the first time.
- 4 It's good to make friends to / with people who like the same things as you.
- 5 Alan is a good friend – he's always there with / for me.
- 6 I have a small group / team of friends.
- 7 I don't find it easy to make / do new friends.

2 Read the text. Choose the best question for the forum.

- a Is your best friend there for you?
- b How can I get to know students?
- c Are you looking for a school club?
- d How are you feeling today?

3 Read the text again. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 What does Lily want to do?
 - a annoy her best friend
 - b meet new people
 - c start a school club
- 2 What is Neil doing now?
 - a having lunch with a classmate
 - b talking to a shy student
 - c sitting on his own in class
- 3 Sue's advice to Nina is to ...
 - a talk to a shy student.
 - b feel happy at her new school.
 - c tell another student her name.

4 Find the sentences in the text that give this information.

- 1 the reason why a boy has problems making friends
I'm shy, so it isn't easy for me to meet people for the first time.
- 2 a reason why students are unhappy
- 3 a meal
- 4 the name of a room in a school
- 5 a suggestion about something to read
- 6 a question asking for help

Got a problem? Share it with your schoolmates.



Nina

It's my first day at secondary school. I don't know anybody! I'm sitting in the library and writing this. All my friends are at different schools, so I'm feeling really sad. How can I make new friends here? Any ideas?



Lily

Hi Nina. I'm starting a new school today too. My best friend is at a different school too. It's really annoying, but I really want to make new friends here. At the moment, I'm looking at the list of after-school clubs and sports. Why don't you do the same thing?



Neil

I'm new at my school too, Nina. I'm shy, so it isn't easy for me to meet people for the first time. I'm having lunch now with another new boy in my class. It helps because we are both new. Is another girl from your class sitting on her own? Try talking to her.



Sue

It's the first day, Nina. Because lots of students are new, they aren't feeling happy. So, you aren't alone. Don't be shy – talk to the student next to you in class. Just say, 'Hi! I'm Nina.'