7.3 Reading

An article about friendship

1 Complete the words in the sentences.

1 Your m*a*t*e*s are your friends.
2 Your c_ _ _ _m_ _ _ _s are the people you have lessons with at school.
3 Your b_ _t f_ _ _ _ _s are the ones you like the most.
4 Someone you don't know is a s_ _ _ _g_r.
5 People that you play football, hockey or other sports with are your t_ _mm_ _ _s.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

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1 Some people don't find it easy to *make* new friends.
2 Everyone needs to _____ friends that they can talk to when they have problems.
3 Sam's a very popular guy – he _____ friends with everyone in the class!
4 It can be hard to _____ your old friends when you move away to a new town.

3 Read the article quickly and match paragraphs 1–5 with topics a–e.

a ☐ The Coach
b ☐ The Classmate
c ☐ The Honest One
d [1] The Supporter
e ☐ The Adventurer

4 Read the article again and complete the sentences with no more than three words in each gap.

1 The article tells us about *five friends that* everyone should have.
2 Friends who support you will _____ with you any time.
3 When a friend always tells you the truth, you might sometimes think they aren't _____.
4 You won't have a problem getting to know a classmate because you'll have _____.
5 When you enjoy your routine, it can be difficult to try _____.
6 Friends don't have to be _____ you to teach you something.
7 The writer of the article wants to know if you can think of any other _____.



FRIENDS WE ALL NEED



Best friends are important, but research shows that we need a variety of different friends to be happy. Here are the five friends you really need.

1

This friend is your biggest fan. They always have time to hang out with you and really care about you. He or she is a good listener and loves to help you to deal with problems, even small ones. What's more, they will always support you no matter what, so you can always count on them.

2

This friend will always tell you the truth, even when it hurts. They don't want to listen to you complain about your family or your homework. They'll tell you to stop whining and deal with it. It is not that they are not interested. They feel this is the right way to help you. This friend will surely make you a better person, even if sometimes you think they aren't on your side.

3

We don't always go to the same school as our best friends, but that doesn't mean you have to sit on your own. Make friends with your classmates. It will be easy because you already have something in common: your school. Do it and you'll have someone who understands your homework problems and you'll definitely enjoy your lessons more.

4

It isn't easy to try something new, especially when you love hanging out with your friends watching a film and eating your favourite snacks. That's why this friend is so important. They're always ready to experience new activities, cultures and places. Routine is good, but remember: there is a big world out there to explore.

5

We can learn from teachers, parents and brothers and sisters. But we can also learn from our friends. This friend doesn't have to be older than you. They just need to be really good at something and have some skills, knowledge or experiences to share. Join a club or start a new hobby. You'll meet plenty of people to choose from.

So, how many of these friends have you got? Have we forgotten any other important friends? Let us know what you think!

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