

More words you need...



- ▶ **your best friend** is the friend that you see the most and like the most
- ▶ **a colleague** a person that you work with
- ▶ **a family friend** a person that all of your family knows
- ▶ **a mate** (informal) a friend
- ▶ **a neighbour** (UK)/ **neighbor** (US) a person who lives very near to you
- ▶ **an old friend** a friend that you have known for a long time

Exercise 3

Match the first part of each sentence (1-6) with the second (a-f).

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| 1 Sasha likes spending time | a while I was working there. |
| 2 She has a lot of friends but Sara is her | b who I've known for 20 years or more. |
| 3 I made friends with one or two colleagues | c neighbours for six years now. |
| 4 I've known Tony all my life – he's a | d with her mates. |
| 5 Jack is an old friend | e family friend. |
| 6 Lisa lives in the apartment next to us – we've been | f best friend. |

Talking about relationships



To ask someone how they know a person, say:

- ▶ *How do you know Maria?*

To ask someone where they first met someone, say:

- ▶ *How did you meet Jenny?*

To ask someone how long they have known someone, say:

- ▶ *How long have you known Carol?*

To say that you have known a person for a long time, say:

- ▶ *I've known her for years.*

If you want to say that you don't know someone well, say:

- ▶ *I don't know Mike very well.*

Exercise 4



Use the words from the box to complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

married neighbours relatives meet nephews colleagues old friends

Karl: My mother has three sisters and they all live in different countries so I have ¹ relatives all over the world.

Lucy: Lucky you – you can go and visit them!

Karl: Yes, I suppose so. My sister lives abroad too.

Lucy: Is she ² _____?

Karl: Yes, she has a really nice husband, and they have two boys.

Lucy: So you have two ³ _____?

Karl: Yes, I do, although I don't see them very often.

Isabel: How do you know Ian?

Maria: I don't know him very well but he lives near me so we chat now and then when we see each other in the street.

Isabel: Ah, I didn't realize you were ⁴ _____!

Maria: Yes, he lives two houses away. How did you ⁵ _____ him?

Isabel: We were ⁶ _____ when I worked at the university 15 years ago.

Maria: So you've known him for years?

Isabel: Yes, we're ⁷ _____.



Use the words you've learned...

Practise talking about your family or friends.