



Jennifer Aniston portrays Rachel Green, a fashion enthusiast and Monica's best friend from high school. Rachel and Ross Geller are involved in an on-off relationship throughout the series. Rachel's first job is a waitress at the coffee house Central Perk, but she later becomes an assistant buyer at Bloomingdale's and a buyer at Polo Ralph Lauren in season five. Aniston had already appeared in several unsuccessful sitcom pilots before being cast in Friends.



Courteney Cox portrays Monica Geller, the mother hen of the group, known for her obsessive-compulsive and competitive nature. Monica is often jokingly teased for having been an extremely overweight childhood by the others, especially her brother Ross. Monica is a chef who changes jobs often throughout the show, and marries longtime friend Chandler Bing in season seven. Cox had the highest profile career of the main actors when she was initially cast, having appeared in Ace Ventura: Pet Detective and Family Ties.



Lisa Kudrow portrays Phoebe Buffay, an eccentric masseuse and musician. Phoebe became homeless at the age of 14, and is known for being ditzy yet street-smart. Kudrow previously played waitress Ursula Buffay on Mad About You, and reprised the dual role of twin sister Ursula as a recurring character during several episodes of Friends. Prior to her acting career, Kudrow was an office manager and researcher for her father, a headache specialist.



Matt LeBlanc portrays Joey Tribbiani, a struggling actor and food lover who becomes famous for his role on Days of our Lives as Dr. Drake Ramoray. Joey is a womanizer with many girlfriends throughout the series, and develops a crush on his friend Rachel in season eight. Before his role on Friends, LeBlanc appeared as a minor character in the sitcom Married... with Children, and as a main character in its spin-offs, Top of the Heap and Vinnie & Bobby.



Matthew Perry portrays Chandler Bing, an executive in statistical analysis and data reconfiguration for a large multi-national corporation. Chandler quits his job and becomes a junior copywriter at an advertising agency during season nine. Chandler is known for his sarcastic sense of humor, and marries longtime friend Monica. Like Aniston, Perry had already appeared in several unsuccessful sitcom pilots before being cast.



David Schwimmer portrays Ross Geller, Ph.D., a paleontologist working at a museum of Prehistoric History, and later a professor of paleontology at New York University. Ross has three failed marriages during the series, and is involved in an on-off relationship with Rachel. Before being cast in Friends, Schwimmer played minor characters in The Wonder Years and NYPD Blue.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friends#Characters>

Answer some questions about them:

1. Who's your favorite character in Friends?

2. Who's similar to you?

3. Who would you like to be?

4. Who would you like to marry?

5. Who's the funniest?

6. Who would you like to have as a roommate?

7. What advice would you give each one of them?

a. Rachel: _____

b. Monica: _____

c. Phoebe: _____

d. Joey: _____

e. Chandler: _____

f. Ross: _____

8. What would increase each one's chances to be happy?

a. Rachel: _____

b. Monica: _____

c. Phoebe: _____

d. Joey: _____

e. Chandler: _____

f. Ross: _____

9. What would increase each one's job opportunities?

a. Rachel: _____

b. Monica: _____

c. Phoebe: _____

d. Joey: _____

e. Chandler: _____

f. Ross: _____

10. Do you have a friend who acts like one of them? Explain.

11. What do you think of the relationship they have?

12. Would you like to have friends who interfere in your life like they do? Why (not)?

13. Are they good at keeping secrets? Give an example.

14. Are they good at telling the truth? Support your answer.

15. What are their main moral qualities?

- a. Rachel: _____
- b. Monica: _____
- c. Phoebe: _____
- d. Joey: _____
- e. Chandler: _____
- f. Ross: _____

16. What are their main moral defects?

- a. Rachel: _____
- b. Monica: _____
- c. Phoebe: _____
- d. Joey: _____
- e. Chandler: _____
- f. Ross: _____

17. Who do you consider the weakest? Why?

18. And who is the strongest in your opinion?

19. Who needs more help? What kind of help? Why?

20. Do you think they act as adults? Support your answer.

21. Are they mature enough to take decisions? Support your answer.

22. Are they good at forgiving? Give examples to support your answer.

23. Do you think one (or some) of them take advantage of the other(s)? Specify.

24. Do you think one (or some) of them take other(s) for granted? Who? Justify your answer.

25. What's the most important thing in their lives?

- a. Rachel: _____
- b. Monica: _____
- c. Phoebe: _____
- d. Joey: _____
- e. Chandler: _____
- f. Ross: _____

26. Do you think friendship is forever? Why (not)?

27. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood? Why (not)?

28. Do you think men and women can be friends without romantic involvement? Support your answer.

29. During the series some friends got romantically involved. How often do you think it's likely to happen in close friendships between a man and a woman?

30. Do you think that romantic relationships raised from friendship are most likely to succeed than others? Support your answer.

31. Do they seem to be closer from their dates than from their friends? Explain.

32. Do you think their boyfriends and girlfriends have any reasons to be jealous of their relationship with their friends? Why (not)?

33. If you were one dating one of them, would you get jealous of their friendship? Explain.

34. What would you ask your boyfriend / girlfriend not to do anymore? Why?

35. If you were dating one of the boys, who would you be more jealous of? Explain.

- a. Rachel: _____
- b. Monica: _____
- c. Phoebe: _____

36. If you were dating one of the girls, who would you be more jealous of? Explain.

- a. Joey: _____
- b. Chandler: _____
- c. Ross: _____

37. If you were a director, who would you choose to portray you in a movie about your life? Why?

38. And who would you choose to portray your husband / wife?

39. From what you learned watching the series, who has grown to maturity? Explain:

- a. Rachel: _____
- b. Monica: _____
- c. Phoebe: _____
- d. Joey: _____
- e. Chandler: _____
- f. Ross: _____

40. Who has the best job? Explain.

- a. Rachel: _____
- b. Monica: _____
- c. Phoebe: _____
- d. Joey: _____
- e. Chandler: _____
- f. Ross: _____

