

AIO INTERMEDIATE A

Name: _____

1 Complete the text with the phrases in the box. There are two extra phrases.

a lot in common close friends drifted apart fell out got along well together hit it off
ups and downs went our separate ways

I met Andy when I was just fifteen. At first we didn't (1) _____ at all. We really didn't have (2) _____. He was into sports while I only liked music. Then one day we had to work on a school project together and we discovered that we (3) _____. After that, we spent more and more time together and became (4) _____. Of course, like most people we've had our (5) _____, but we haven't (6) _____.

2 Match the expressions in the box in Exercise 1 to the definitions.

- a) good and bad experiences or situations _____
- b) having the same interests _____
- c) liked each other and became friends _____
- d) like one another the first time you meet _____
- e) people who know each other well and like each other _____
- f) had an argument _____

3 Complete the questions with the words in the box.

How long What's When Where Who

- a) _____ your best friend's name?
- b) _____ does he live?
- c) _____ have you been learning English?
- d) _____ would you like to meet the most?
- e) _____ did you start learning English?

4 Correct the mistakes in these questions.

- a) Who do is your favorite actor? _____
- b) What were you do yesterday? _____
- c) Who you meet yesterday? _____
- d) How long you knew each other? _____
- e) What kind of things you like? _____

5 Put the word or phrase in brackets in the correct place in each sentence.

- a) Do you go out with your friends on Friday night? (usually)

- b) I have a glass of wine. (now and again)

- c) Jack goes clubbing. (regularly)

- d) My sister is on the phone to her friends. (always)

- e) Samantha doesn't go to parties. (often)

6 Select the correct words.

- 1 How are **life** / **things** ?
- 2 How's **going** / **life** ?
- 3 Oh! **pretty** / **great** good.
- 4 What are you up to **lately** / **these days** ?
- 5 I have to **run** / **go** now. I'll give you a call.
- 6 I'll **give** / **take** you a call.

[Track 2]

7 Listen to an interview with Toni about her best friend. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) Toni has known Mary for twenty years. ____
- b) Toni and Mary aren't very good friends any more. ____
- c) Mary and Toni talk on the phone every two or three months. ____
- d) Toni doesn't like going on holiday with Mary. ____
- e) Mary's husband wanted to be friends with Toni. ____

8 Read the text. Is the information in these sentences true (T), false (F) or not given (NG)?

- a) Friends Reunited started in 2000. T / F / NG
- b) Classmates.com was the idea of a couple called Pankhurst. T / F / NG
- c) Julie wanted the site to help people find dates. T / F / NG
- d) Some school friends have met on the site and then got married. T / F / NG
- e) People can write false information. T / F / NG

Internet sites such as Friends Reunited in the UK and Classmates.com in the US are extremely popular. Friends Reunited launched in July 2000 and now has millions of people registered.

The website was the idea of Steve Pankhurst and his wife Julie. At the time they were expecting their first child and Julie was interested in finding out whether her school friends were also married and had families.

So, the main idea was simply to find a way in which old school friends who had lost touch with each other could be reunited. Now thousands of people are doing this through the website, where they can write their own profile and view profiles of their old school friends.

There are a lot of happy stories of friends who had gone their separate ways after leaving school and had lost touch, but who have now become friends again after contacting each other through the website.

However not everything about these websites is positive. Firstly, there is no way in which a lot of the information can be checked, so it is quite possible that people write things about themselves which simply aren't true.

The websites have also been blamed for a number of marriage breakups – a result of old school couples getting back together!

9 Complete the words

- a) You wear this when you go scuba diving. A w_____.
- b) You have this when you go climbing to keep you safe. A h_____.
- c) People who go walking often wear these to keep them dry. W_____ c_____.
- d) You can climb these and you often find them near the sea. C_____.
- e) You tie yourself to other people with this when you go climbing. A r_____.

10 Select the correct words.

- a) It's absolutely **boiling** / **hot** in here.
- b) I love skydiving, I think it's very **thrilling** / **exciting** !
- c) That's **absolutely** / **very** interesting.
- d) David was **absolutely** / **extremely** surprised.
- e) His jokes are very **funny** / **hilarious** .
- f) She's **absolutely** / **very** gorgeous.
- g) Gosh! You're absolutely **dirty** / **filthy** . What have you been doing?

11 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- a) Lucy is much _____ (good) than me at most sports.
- b) This is by far _____ (hard) thing I've ever done.
- c) Football is probably _____ (popular) sport in the world.
- d) Scuba diving is one of _____ (dangerous) sports.
- e) Cycling is much _____ (fast) than running.

12 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words.

ages already before ever lately many never

- a) Have you _____ been in a dangerous situation?
- b) I've _____ climbed a mountain, but I'd like to.
- c) I've been horse-riding _____ times. It's great fun.
- d) Juliet hasn't been bungee jumping _____. This is her first time.
- e) This is great! I haven't had a chance to do this for _____.

13 Select the correct verb forms.

Jason (1) **walked** / **was walking** the dog when he (2) **fell** / **was falling** over and hurt himself.

What music (3) **did you listen** / **were you listening** to when I (4) **phoned** / **was phoning** you last night?

My brother (5) **watched** / **was watching** a football match on TV when I (6) **arrived** / **was arriving**.

14 Complete the dialogues with 'd (had), need or should.

A: Ouch, that really hurts. I think it's going to swell up.

B: (1) You _____ better put a bag of ice on it. That should help.

C: Wow! That really hurts. I can't believe I got sunburnt.

D: Mmm. That looks quite bad. (2) I think you _____ to put some cream on it immediately.

E: I feel quite dizzy.

F: Dizzy? (3) You _____ better go to the hospital.

G: It's so hot in here.

H: (4) You _____ to drink more water. It's important not to get too thirsty.

I: Oh no! I've twisted my knee. It'll swell up like a balloon.

J: (5) You _____ lie down and put your leg up. Hopefully it won't swell up too much.

K: Ouch! I hate working with paper. I always get lots of small cuts.

L: (6) You _____ to put some plasters on them.