

READING

1 Read the title of the article and write three ideas to answer it. Then read the article quickly. Are your ideas there?

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EXAM TIPS

Reading Part 3

- First, read the text quickly to get a general idea of what it is about.
- Read the sentences and then read the text again. The sentences are in the same order as the information in the text.
- Underline the parts of the text that tell you whether each sentence is correct or incorrect.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FRIEND?

This is what happened to Kennedy. It was break time and she was chatting with her friends when this boy ran round the corner really fast and went straight into her. She put her hand to her mouth and noticed some **blood**. The boy said it was her fault – that was horrible! Her friend, Rachel, wasn't afraid of arguing with the boy. She immediately shouted, 'No, you're wrong. I saw everything!'

It can be **challenging** to find true friendship, but Kennedy **recognised** it – and so did many of you. We asked for your opinions and ideas about true friendship. You sent us over 100,000 **replies!**

For many, what you **do** for a friend is more important than what you say. Denise writes about a friend who admitted to something that she didn't do. It was all about a silly drawing of a teacher. Her friend had to go to the head teacher's office and got extra homework. Was she sensible? Probably not, but she was a good friend.

It's not just what your friends do for you, though; it's what you do for them. Gary remembers the time he was at football practice and his friend really wanted to be in the team. 'I told the teacher I was going away at the weekend. I wasn't honest but my friend got a place in the team.'

However, there's one thing you don't agree about: how many best friends can you have? Molly says she has one best friend and all her other friends are 'close'. Kaitlyn, 14, says it depends on your age. 'When I was younger, I was interested in having lots of best friends. But now I have just one best friend.' But that's the girls: what about the boys? Well, it seems that you generally have lots of friends but you don't **worry** about best friends, or close friends. You just have ... friends.



2 Read the sentences below. Read the article again and decide if each sentence is **correct** or **incorrect**.

If it is **correct**, write A. If it is not **correct**, write B.

- 1 Kennedy hurt a boy by accident at school.
- 2 Her friend Rachel was too scared to talk to the boy about what happened.
- 3 The magazine asked readers to write in with their thoughts about friendship.
- 4 Denise's friend said she drew a silly picture of a teacher.
- 5 Gary told his games teacher the truth.
- 6 Kaitlyn has several best friends at the moment.

3 Match the highlighted words in the text to the meanings.

- 1 difficult
2 feel anxious about
3 answers
4 know something or someone because you have seen it before
5 a red liquid in your body

EP Word profile **close**

Match the dialogue halves.

- 1 Tell me about your friends.
2 Do the shops always close at 5 pm?
3 Where's your school?
4 Have you just opened the window?
5 Do you know this author?
- a No, they are open later on Thursdays.
b Yes, she's a close relative.
c Yes, it was closed and it's hot in here.
d Jenny and Rob are my close friends.
e It's the building closest to the park on the left.