



MEETING PEOPLE YOU KNOW

- When was the last time you met someone who you hadn't seen for ages?
- What did you talk about? Had he/she changed a lot?



1. What type of friend is each person talking about in the sentences below? Match each sentence with a person given below.

acquaintance / fair-weather friend / fellow student / flat mate / girlfriend / mutual friend / old friend / travel companion / true friend / workmate

- 1) We're not close friends – we're just studying French in the same evening class. _____
- 2) I live with Sarah, but each of us has our own circle of friends that we hang out with. _____
- 3) Olivia and I went on a trip to Peru together ten years ago and we've kept up with each other ever since. _____
- 4) I wouldn't say we were friends really. We've met a couple of times at parties. _____
- 5) Oh, do you know Tom? He's a good friend of mine too. We should all meet up some time. _____
- 6) Jacob always hangs around when he's bored, but he never comes round when he's got something better to do. _____
- 7) Kate has always stood by me in times of difficulty. If ever I'm in trouble, I know I can rely on her for help. _____
- 8) Colin and I have been teaching at the same school for years. We get on very well, even though we never really see each other socially. I think I've been round to his house once. _____
- 9) Barney and I have known each other since we were at school. It doesn't matter if we haven't seen each other for a while; we just seem to pick up where we left off. _____
- 10) Jessica and I are going to a medieval-style wedding. Themed weddings are becoming very fashionable. _____

2. Read the expressions, which you usually use meeting people on the street. Discuss them with the class and divide them into the following categories.

- 1) expressing surprise at meeting:
- 2) asking for news:
- 3) telling about appearance:
- 4) describing business:
- 5) telling about a mutual friend:
- 6) saying there is no possibility to carry on the conversation:

- a) *Fancy meeting/seeing you here! / What a (nice) surprise!*
- b) *How are things? / How are you doing?*
- c) *What have you been up to? / How's it all going?*
- d) *Busy as ever. / I've been completely snowed under...*
- e) *It has its ups and downs. / It goes up/down.*
- f) *You look well! / It sounds good!*
- g) *Do you see much of Amanda? / How's Amanda getting on?*

- h) *She was asking after you the other day.*
- i) *Give her my regards. / Say hello to her from me.*
- j) *Well, I should probably go and ... / I don't mean to be rude, but I need to ...*
- k) *Sorry, I've got to rush. / I'm in a bit of a hurry.*
- l) *It was really nice to see you. / Good luck with ...*