

I can talk about relationships

A Friendship

Word	Example	Meaning
friendship	<i>Our friendship has always been very important to us.</i>	the relationship between people who are friends.
make friends	<i>I find it difficult to make friends.</i>	form friendly relationships.
get on (well) with sb	<i>Do you get on well with your classmates?</i>	have a good relationship with sb. opp not get on with sb .
rely on sb reliable ADJ	<i>I can always rely on my sisters. My brother's not very reliable.</i>	feel sure that sb will do what they say they will do. SYN depend on sb .
trust sb	<i>You have to trust your friends.</i>	believe sb is good and won't hurt you.
loyal	<i>He was very loyal to my father.</i>	being a friend to sb, even in difficult times. opp disloyal .
sociable	<i>She's very sociable and gets on well with people.</i>	A sociable person likes the company of other people. opp antisocial .
keep in touch	<i>Simon is an old friend. We've always kept in touch.</i>	(of two or more people) stay in contact by speaking or writing to each other.

1 Combine words in the box to make phrases.

- rely ✓ friend get on well friends
on someone ✓ a close keep make
in touch on someone depend
with someone
- rely on someone

spotlight friend

An **old friend** is someone you have known for a long time; a **close friend** is someone you know and like very much. If you **are friendly with sb**, you treat them as a friend.

2 Answer the questions.

- Another way of saying 'stay in contact with someone' is *keep in touch*.
- 1 Rely (on) is a verb. What's the adjective?
- 2 What's a synonym for *rely on*?
- 3 A **sociable** person enjoys the company of others. What's the opposite?
- 4 What's the opposite of *loyal*?
- 5 What's the relationship between people who are friends?
- 6 What do you call a friend you like very much? A friend.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the words in capitals in the correct form. The meaning must stay the same.

- He's a bit antisocial. **SOCIAL** He isn't very sociable.
- 1 He likes Ruben. **FRIENDLY**
- 2 She never phones us. **TOUCH**
- 3 I don't have a good relationship with my father. **GET ON**
- 4 I became her friend at university. **MAKE**
- 5 My boss is very reliable. **RELY**
- 6 I've known Donna for a long time. **OLD**

B When things go wrong

Perfect Weekend Channel Five

Wednesday 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.

TV drama about a group of young people who **got to know one another** at university, and now, five years later, **get together** for a weekend. But things soon **go wrong**. John doesn't get on with Dan, and now **realizes** they **have nothing in common**, while Pete **regrets** the fact that he **split up** with Amy, the girl he used to **go out with**. Now Amy is **in a serious relationship** with Keith (who didn't go to university), and Keith doesn't like Amy's old friends. This creates tension in the group, and soon there's a big **row**. Amy **falls out** with Pete, and Dan and John stop speaking to each other. And that's just the beginning ...

spotlight *have a row / an argument*

Both phrases mean 'have an angry discussion'.
e.g. *I had a row with Li.*

The verb related to *argument* is **argue**.
e.g. *They argued with each other.*

Glossary

get to know sb meet sb a number of times and become friends.

one another each other.

get together (of two or more people) meet for a social reason.

go wrong used when a problem happens in a situation or relationship.

realize sth begin to understand sth that you didn't know before.

have nothing in common (of two people) have no interests that are the same. opp **have a lot in common**.

regret sth / doing sth feel sorry about sth you did or didn't do.

split up with sb stop being in a romantic relationship with sb.

go out with sb have sb as a boyfriend or girlfriend.

in a (serious) relationship having a long-term boyfriend or girlfriend.

fall out with sb argue with sb and stop being friendly with them.

5 Circle the correct word.

- They were very happy, then something got went wrong.
- 1 Hana's by/in a serious relationship.
- 2 Lian and Chen have fallen out/on.
- 3 Shall we come/get together next week?
- 4 They have lots in/on common.
- 5 She got/went out with Len at university.
- 6 How did you get/go to know Anya?

6 Complete the missing words.

- I went out with Osman for two months, then we fell out over something stupid.
- 1 I don't get on with Dirk. We a lot, and last week we had a terrible r.
- 2 I'd like to get to k Anders better because we have a lot in c.
- 3 Karli s up with him last week and I think she r it now; she's a bit depressed.
- 4 We have nothing in common. That's why I r o w with him.
- 5 I could never g o with him.

7 Complete the text.

Milo and I got to ► know one (1) when we worked together during the summer. We had a lot in (2) and got on really well, but, unfortunately, he was in a serious (3) at the time. Then it all went (4) . He and his girlfriend Inez had a big (5) and he (6) up with her. We started to (7) out with each other almost immediately, but Milo soon (8) his decision to end his relationship with Inez. He (9) he was still in love with her, and that our relationship was a big mistake.