

VOCABULARY UNIT 2: FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES

1 Complete the definitions with these words:

FLATMATE ENEMY ACQUAINTANCE SIBLING STRANGER
RIVAL CLASSMATES COLLEAGUE RELATIVES OPPONENT

- 1 Someone who you know, but not well is a/an _____.
- 2 A person who you compete against at sport is a/an _____.
- 3 A person who you really dislike and disagree with is your _____.
- 4 Someone who you work with is a/an _____.
- 5 People who are members of your family are your _____.
- 6 A person you share a house with who isn't in your family is a/an _____.
- 7 The people who study with you in the same class are your _____.
- 8 Your brother or sister _____.
- 9 Someone who competes with you for success, love, money or power _____.
- 10 Someone you don't know at all _____.

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I would say Tom is more of an acquaintance / enemy than a friend. We know each other, but not that well.
- 2 My father says he has a good relationship with his flatmates / colleagues at work.
- 3 Mary is such a nice person, I don't think she has got any teammates / enemies.
- 4 I'm looking for a(n) acquaintance / trip buddy to join me on my trip to Mexico.
- 5 In the last place I shared with others, my flatmates / colleagues came from different countries.
- 6 When we won our hockey final match, I celebrated with all my trip buddies / teammates on the pitch.

3 Complete the email with these words. There are two extra words: strangers / best friend / classmates / close friends / opponent / relatives / rivals / roommate

Hi Jess,

Thanks for your email.

I'm so excited about my trip to study English in the USA and staying with you and your family. I can't wait to meet your aunt and uncle and your other 1) _____.

They sound like nice people. It's good that we can get to know each a bit and not be complete 2) _____ when we meet!

I am coming with 12 3) _____ from my school including my

4) _____ Kayla and some of my other very 5) _____.

We are all staying with different host families, and I'll be staying with you! You'll be my flatmate. Or how do you say it in your country? My 6) _____!

Speak soon!

Laila

4 Match the verb or phrasal verb with the correct definition.

1 tell the truth

a) criticise someone

2 forgive

b) disappoint or betray

3 keep in touch

c) help someone achieve their goals

4 judge

d) always say what's true; never lie

5 make someone laugh

e) quarrel or disagree

6 support

f) not be angry with someone if they upset you

7 let someone down

g) maintain contact with someone

8 fall out with

h) make jokes or be funny for others

5 What type of friend are you? Match the type of friend with the correct definition.

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| 1 The brutally honest | _____ |
| 2 The shared interest | _____ |
| 3 the life and soul of the party | _____ |
| 4 The mentor / motivator | _____ |
| 5 The well-connected | _____ |
| 6 The loyal best friend | _____ |
| 7 The fake bestie | _____ |

- A. This is someone who you always **respect**. They inspire and **support** you, and **encourage** you to go out of your comfort zone.
- B. This is the friend that you always **get on with** and never **fall out with**. They will never **judge** you and they will always **forgive** you!
- C. This is someone who acts like you're best friends, making plans and promising to **keep in touch**. But in the end they always **let you down**.
- D. This friend will never **lie** to you. They will always **tell you the truth**, even when it hurts, because they **care** about you.
- E. Although not the most reliable friend, they are **fun to hang out with** and will always **cheer you up** and **make you laugh**.
- F. This sociable friend **knows everyone**, and will **put you in touch** with anyone that you need to meet.
- G. Someone who you can **share** a specific hobby with, be it sporty, crafty or plain crazy!