

1 Friendship

AIMS: Vocabulary related to leisure time • Working with key words • Answering multiple-choice questions

Part 1: Vocabulary



1a What do we need friends for? Match the words to the pictures. The first one has been done for you.

sharing

chatting

having fun

partying

1 ... *partying*
2

3
4

1b Words ending in *-ing* are often at the beginning and at the end of sentences.

Put the four words from exercise 1a in the correct sentences.

- 1 It is difficult for young children, but they have to learn that friendship is about
- 2 with friends is not something I do very often, but we always celebrate our birthdays.
- 3 with friends is one of my favourite ways to spend an afternoon. We have so much to say that we often talk for hours.
- 4 Even on bad days, being with my best friend means

Watch Out!

Although some verbs have very similar meanings, they are not always interchangeable; it depends on the context. For example, we *spend time* with friends, or more formally, we *socialize* with them; more informally, we *hang out* with them. If we participate in a specific activity, such as a game or a sport, *play* is correct e.g. *playing chess*.

2 Which nouns go with which verbs? Copy and complete the table. Then answer the questions below.

chess basketball board games sports swimming tennis cards dancing
weightlifting skiing yoga shopping exercise karate poker puzzles kick boxing hiking

Play	Go	Do
chess		

- 1 Which verb do you use most with activities ending in -ing?
- 2 Which verb do you use most for competitive games?
- 3 Which verb do you use most for other recreational activities?

3a Read about how these people have fun. Underline all the words that refer to activities, and circle the words that refer to places. Don't use a dictionary yet.

Jack, 15:

I spend time with my family most evenings. At the weekend, I prefer to hang out with my friends at the park or in the playground in the local woods. If it rains, I like to go to see a film with my friends.

Monica, 18:

I belong to a chess club which meets twice a month, and once a year we go camping. It's the highlight of my summer! We stay in tents on a lovely camp site and have picnics and barbecues. In the evenings, we organize quizzes and play cards. And we also play a lot of chess, of course!

Amrita, 12:

My older sisters spend a lot of time with their friends in the local shopping centre, but I'm not allowed to go out without an adult yet. I can still chat to my friends all the time though, by phone, email or text message.

3b Find words in the texts above that match with these meanings.

- 1: a large place where you can buy many different things
- 2: a person who is no longer a child
- 3: a place where you can stay in a caravan or a tent
- 4: a meal in the open air
- 5: outdoor parties where people cook and eat food
- 6: games in which you have to answer questions