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Read the article about reunions to find the following information.

Which person mentions

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| an annual yearly event? | 1 ☐ | |
| talking about old times? | 2 ☐ | 3 ☐ |
| people who knew each other as pupils? | 4 ☐ | 5 ☐ |
| that people's interests do not change a lot? | 6 ☐ | 7 ☐ |
| that the reunion included the activity that first brought them together? | 8 ☐ | |
| that the reunion always happens in the same place? | 9 ☐ | |

Reunions

catching up with old friends

Reunions are a chance to see people after some time apart. Here four people talk about why reunions are important to them.

A Every two years, Peter, who is 35, goes back to school. 'I never miss the school reunion. In fact I'm one of the people who organise it. We have been doing it since we left school in 1996. We have a big party in the school and invite everyone from our year. Most of us have children of our own and they come along, too. It's brilliant to see all our old classmates again. Of course, we talk about our schooldays a lot, but we also find we make new friendships with people we hardly knew at school. The old place has changed quite a lot, and so have we; I hope for the better!'

B Alison was in the volleyball team at school. 'When I was about fourteen, we used to go all over the country for matches and we made some really good friends. This year I searched for our team members on the Internet and I found them all, so we decided to have a reunion this year. It was so much fun to see people again after ten years! A lot of them are still very sporty and many looked almost the same, although maybe a bit more serious! We all exchanged telephone numbers and email addresses and promised to get together again in another five years.'

C Celia studied music at university over eight years ago. 'I played the violin in the university orchestra. I loved it and I still play for pleasure. I think people who love music never really give it up. At a concert recently, I met an old friend from the orchestra by chance and we decided to organise a reunion. It was hard work, but we finally got everyone together and we even found someone to conduct us and played a few pieces of music! It was lovely. I felt sad about losing contact with all these great people, but happy that I had found them again. We spent all day talking. Everyone remembered their time in the orchestra as a great period in their life, even those who are now quite famous!'

D John talks about a special reunion in his family. 'It's a pity that families usually only meet up for weddings, birthdays and anniversaries. These celebrations are great, but they are always for one or two people. In our family, we have a reunion once a year for my father's side of the family. We take it in turns to organise a big party. We hold it in the summer, because that's when most people are free. Four generations of our family meet to exchange stories. The older ones give the younger ones photos and share their memories so that they are not forgotten. An important tradition is the big group photo with people in the same positions, so every year we can see how the family has grown!'