1 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING friendship

a Complete the text with the phrases below.

argue ~~close friend~~ colleague get on very well
have a lot in common keep in touch known
lost touch met



I have a *close friend* called Irene. I've [1]_____ her for about 15 years now. We [2]_____ at work – she was a [3]_____ of mine at the company where I used to work, and we used to have our coffee breaks at the same time.

We [4]_____ although we don't [5]_____ – we have quite different interests. We don't work together any more, and when I changed jobs we [6]_____ for a couple of years. But now we [7]_____ regularly. We phone each other once a week, and we see each other about twice a month. We don't often [8]_____, only sometimes about films as we have completely different tastes!

b Think of a close friend of yours. In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

How long have you known him / her?
Where did you meet?
Why do you get on well?
What do you have in common?
Do you ever argue? What about?
How often do you see each other?
How do you keep in touch the rest of the time?
Have you ever lost touch? Why? When?
Do you think you'll stay friends?

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