

Use of English

Level: Intermediate; Time: 15 min

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given in brackets.

(Friend) is one of the _____ (good) things in life. Everybody needs a good friend's shoulder to cry on, or _____ (simple) someone to share the joys and _____ (sorry) with. It isn't easy to find _____ (faith) and _____ (care) friends though. We can meet many people who will pretend to be our friends, but after all the true friends don't leave or betray. Friendship is a complex notion. People can quarrel or have some kind of conflict and still stay friends. And others, who never argue with each other, can soon split up. The same can be said about the _____ (relate) among friends. Those friends, who tell you the _____ (true) even when it's bitter, are more _____ (like) to care about you, than those who don't. Friendship is like a tree. It means that under good conditions it will grow and become rather strong. As the years pass, the tree can stand _____ (firm) and _____ (firm) on the ground. The same happens with a long-term friendship. To form a strong _____ (unite) of friends one should give lots of love, _____ (patient), _____ (understand) and care. This way, true friendship can survive any _____ (difficult).

Use the words in CAPITAL letters in the appropriate forms.

18 The telephone rang at about midnight. A worried male voice informed the emergency service that three children _____ at home yet.

19 The man explained that his two sons, Alan, 15, and Johnny, 13, and their twelve-year-old cousin Gabriel _____ for a bicycle ride.

20 The man sounded very nervous as if he suspected that something bad _____ to the boys. There was no doubt that our help _____.

21 I had to ask a few questions to understand the details.

22 It turned out that the children enjoyed riding in the hills which were four kilometres away from their house. The rescue party headed right there.

23 The rescuers saw the boys when they _____ down the hill. They were walking slowly and awkwardly. Two of them were helping the third boy — his leg _____ and he was screaming with pain. Later,

24 he told me that they _____ extreme riding.

25 Unfortunately, things like that happen quite often. I _____ for the emergency services for about five years and have seen lots of kids suffering the consequences of taking extreme risks. When they ignore safety rules, they easily get injured. They behave carelessly as if it _____ a game, but without very careful preparation, extreme sport is a very dangerous activity.

NOT ARRIVE

LEAVE

HAPPEN

NEED

MOVE

BREAK

PRACTISE

WORK

BE