



# FRIENDS

## Discussion

### Basic questions

1 How many friends do you have?

*\*I have...friends.*

2 Do you have many close friends? How did you meet them?

*\*Yes, I do. I met them through...*

3 How often do you see your friends?

*\*I see them every...*

4 What is the difference between a friend and a best friend?

*\*The difference between a friend and a bestfriend is...*

5 What do you and your friends have in common?

*\*I and my friends have common...*

### Extended questions

1 Which of the following do you consider the top 3 important things in choosing your friends?

- money
- gender
- personality
- hobbies/interests
- age
- social background
- looks

*\*The three important things in choosing my friends are...*

**2 What is the craziest thing you did with your friend(s)? Why did you do it?**

*\*The craziest thing I did with my friends is... We did it because...*

**3 What is the most important character of a true friend?**

*\*The most important character of a true friend is...*

**4 Do you think true friends are easy to find? Why or why not?**

*\*Yes, I think true friends are... because... / No, I don't think true friends...because...*

## Vocabulary



**1 friendship /'frendʃɪp/**

[noun] a relationship between friends

*Ex. Did you form any friendships in college?*

**2 buddy /'bʌdi/**

[noun] a friend

*Ex. Bob and I have been buddies for years.*

**3 classmate /'klɑ:smeɪt/**

[noun] someone who is in the same class as you at school or college

*Ex. We were classmates in highschool.*

**4 housemate /'hausmeɪt/**

[noun] a person that you share a house with, but who is not one of your family

*Ex. I had three housemates when I lived in London.*

**5 acquaintance /ə'kweɪntəns/**

[noun] a person that you know but who is not a friend

*Ex. Claire has many friends and acquaintances.*

## Useful Expressions

1 **To make friends (with sb) : to become a friend of someone.**

*Ex. I want to make friends with all the people in my company.*

2 **BFF : This means “best friends forever” and is a slang way to say that someone is your very good friend.**

*Ex. Sara and Sally are BFFs. They go everywhere together.*

3 **to have something in common : share the same interests or personality**

*Ex. My best friend and I love dogs. That is what we have in common.*

## Idioms



1 **A friend in need is a friend indeed - a friend who helps you when you really need help is a true friend.**

*Ex. When Bill helped me with my money problem, I really learned the meaning of "A friend in need is a friend indeed."*

2 **through thick and thin - through good times and bad times**

*Ex. They've been friends for 20 years. They've really been through thick and thin together.*

3 **fair-weather friend - A friend who only spends time with you when you are doing well. If you are having trouble this person disappears. He is not a good friend.**

*Ex. When Tom lost his fortune he realized that he had a few fair-weather friends. They never called him again.*

4 **have friends in high places - to know important people who can help you get what you want**

*Ex. You'll need friends in high places if you want to get that job.*