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# Friendships



Friendships are special bonds between two people that are based on trust and understanding. Friends are people

who like to be around each other and who are supportive of one another. To be a good friend, it is important to be a good listener and to be there for each other in good times and in bad times. Making and keeping friends is an important part of life and it requires effort. In order to make and keep a friend, means being able to communicate and interact with each other to spend quality time with one another. True friends are reliable, loyal and dependable and show support when a friend is in need. A good friend does not judge you. Good friends offer advice and praise you and your successes. Friendships should be fun and friends should be able to have laughs with one another. Good friends also respect one another's space and show respect for each others opinions. Good friends should be able to talk openly and honestly with each other without any fear of judgement or rejection. If you are a true friend, you listen, show up, you are are supportive, respect one another's space, are honest, and can have fun together. It is also normal for friends to disagree sometimes, but it's important to resolve conflict in a respectful way. Listen to each other's point of view and find a solution that works for both of you. With these qualities in mind, you can build strong, lasting friendships that bring joy and fun into your life.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

Answer according to the reading passage:

1. Friendships are special \_\_\_\_\_ between 2 people:
  - a. understandings
  - b. arrangements
  - c. bonds
  
2. Making friends is an important part of life and it requires:
  - a. loyalty
  - b. effort
  - c. trust
  
3. A good friend does not:
  - a. judge you
  - b. respect you
  - c. lie to you
  
4. It's normal for friends to \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes:
  - a. fight
  - b. lie
  - c. disagree
  
5. Lasting friends bring this into your life:
  - a. honesty
  - b. respect
  - c. joy and fun

## Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why is friendship important?
2. What is your experience with good friends?
3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
4. What images go through your mind as read about friendship?

- What advice do you have for making and keeping friends?
- What qualities do you look for in a friend?
- Why is it hard to avoid conflict with a friend?