

6 Friends



1 He's my best friend

Use the following words to complete the sentences below:

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| lifelong | mine | old- |
| acquaintance | close | best |

- I hear you work with Peter. Did you know he was a friend of ?
- I suppose Sandra is my friend. We ring each other most evenings.
- I'm going up to see some friends in Scotland next week. I haven't seen them for over 30 years!
- I wouldn't say he was a friend. We used to work together and we go for a drink now and again.
- I met Martin at university. It was the start of a friendship.
- I wouldn't really call Sam a friend. He's just an I know him through Kirsty and Paul.

In informal British English young men often call their friends mates. You can say somebody is your best mate. In the United States men sometimes call their male friends buddies.

2 Other words for friend

Match the words on the left with the ideas on the right:

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| 1. workmate | a. We study together. |
| 2. partner | b. We work for the same firm. |
| 3. classmate | c. We write every month. |
| 4. pen-friend | d. We share a flat. |
| 5. flatmate | e. We live together, but aren't married. |

3 Making friends

Complete the following sentences with the words and phrases below:

- made
- true friends
- made friends with
- met him through
- pleased
- friendly with
- got to know
- introduced

- How do you know Susan?
> Rachel and Peter me to her.
- How do you know Paul?
> I Steve and Peter.
- I really enjoyed my time at university. I so many new friends.
- People say that Philip is a bit reserved but I him quite well when we had to work on that report together.
- We had a great time on holiday in Spain. We a nice couple who were staying in the apartment next to ours.
- I didn't know you were the people next door to us. I saw you there last night.
- It's when you are having a difficult time that you know who your really are.
- Anna, can I introduce you to an old friend of mine? This is Zoe. We were at college together.
> Hi, Anna, to meet you.

4 Why people are friends

Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences below:

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| 1. I didn't like Jenny at first but now we get on | a. similar backgrounds. |
| 2. We live in different towns now but we still try to see | b. in common. |
| 3. Mark and I get on very well. We've got so much | c. in touch. |
| 4. Lucy's my best friend. I know I can always rely on | d. each other's company. |
| 5. Even if we move to different countries, we'd always stay | e. a long way. |
| 6. Mike and I do everything together. We really enjoy | f. very well. |
| 7. I think we're friends because we come from | g. her. |
| 8. I've known Susan since we were at school. We go back | h. each other whenever we can. |

5 Problems in a friendship

Complete the following letters to a magazine problem page with these words and phrases:

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| lose | go our separate ways |
| fell out | drifted apart |
| isn't speaking | row |

Dear Sally,

I've been really good friends with Emma since we started in the same class two years ago but recently we (1) over a boy that we both like. I knew Emma liked him but when Steve asked me out I accepted. Emma was really angry and we had a terrible (2) Now she (3) to me. I like Steve but I don't want to (4) my best friend. What should I do?

Dear Sally,

All the time we were at school Lucy and I were really close friends. We really enjoyed each other's company and did everything together. But since she went to university we seem to have (5) She's made lots of new friends and doesn't have time for me. Do you think there is anything I can do to keep her as a friend or should I just accept it's time to (6) ?

Use the words friends and family to complete this famous saying:

You can choose your, but not your !

Is there a similar saying in your language? Have you got a best friend?

Add your own words and expressions

7 Love and romance

1 Basic vocabulary

Complete the following text with the words and phrases below:

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| in love | going out |
| boyfriend | kissed |
| girlfriend | romantic |
| relationship | date |

Peter had never had a (1) Anna had never had a (2) When they started (3) together, they were both very nervous. For their first (4) Peter wanted to take her somewhere (5) so he booked a table at an Italian restaurant. He walked her home. When he left, they (6) goodnight. The next day Anna told her best friend that she was (7) with Peter and that this was the first really serious (8) in her life.

If a girl has a boyfriend, and a boy has a girlfriend, they are romantically involved. Girls also often refer to their female friends as girlfriends.



3 Starting a relationship

Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences below:

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| 1. Sarah's very happy at the moment. She's seeing | a. going out together. |
| 2. Have you heard about Mark? He's going out | b. her for a date. |
| 3. Have you heard about Laura and Joe? They've started | c. with Susie Jones, the singer. |
| 4. Apparently, Phil and Liz have been seeing | d. some guy she met on holiday. |
| 5. Did Sally tell you about Mike? He asked | e. a lot of each other recently. |

In American English you say that you are dating somebody instead of seeing or going out with them.

2 Crazy about you

Match the beginnings and endings of the expressions below. Use one of the endings twice.

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| 1. She fancies | a. with him. |
| 2. She's not really interested | b. about him. |
| 3. She's absolutely crazy | c. in him. |
| 4. I don't know what she sees | d. you. |
| 5. She's always flirting | |

Now use the expressions to complete the following sentences:

- Julie seems to really like Ian, but personally, He must be at least ten years older than her.
- John isn't very happy at the moment. He really likes this girl at college but at all.
- Debbie goes bright red every time she talks to you. I'm sure
- Tina spends almost every evening with this new guy she's seeing.
- I'm sure Liz fancies that guy in the accounts department.

4 Falling in love

Read the following sentences and put the words and phrases in colour into the correct column below:

- It started out as just a casual relationship but one day I realised we had fallen in love.
- Tina and Mike spend every minute together. They're obviously madly in love.
- I met a guy when I was in Greece, but I knew it was just a holiday romance. I never saw him again after we got back.
- John's been with Linda for ages. He absolutely adores her.
- I haven't had a girlfriend for a while now. I had a brief relationship with someone a few months ago, but it didn't really work out.

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5 The relationship

Match the beginnings of the phrases on the left with the endings on the right:

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| 1. She loves | |
| 2. She's in love | |
| 3. She fell in love | a. with him. |
| 4. She kissed | b. him. |
| 5. She lives | |
| 6. She married | |

Now decide if each of the following sentences can end in together. If not, put a line through it.

- They're going out together.
- They're sleeping together.
- They're in love together.
- They've moved in together.
- They're always kissing together.
- They live together.
- They're always holding hands together.
- They're married together.

6 The end of a relationship

Use these expressions in the situations below:

- finished with
- never stop fighting
- split up
- had a huge row
- weren't right for

- Do you think I should invite Jeff and Sue to the party?
> Haven't you heard? They've finally decided to
- Didn't you know I'm not seeing James any more? I him last week. It was fine while it lasted, but I think we both knew we each other.
- We invited Dave and Kate over for dinner last Saturday. It was really embarrassing. They and Kate went home in the middle of the main course.
- Julie and Dave I'm surprised they stay together.

Very often if two people split up, they tell their friends that "we're just good friends now".

If you want to deny that you are "having a relationship" with someone, you can say "We're just good friends."

7 He's been seeing somebody else

Complete the response in four different ways:

I hear Mark and Lucy have split up. What happened?

> She found out that he was . . .

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| 1. being | a. somebody else. |
| 2. seeing | b. unfaithful. |
| 3. having | c. on her. |
| 4. cheating | d. an affair. |

Are you romantic?

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Add your own words and expressions

Unit 6 Friends

Exercise 1: 1. mine 2. best 3. old 4. close 5. lifelong
6. acquaintance

Exercise 2: 1b 2e 3a 4c 5d

Exercise 3: 1h 2d 3a 4g 5c 6f 7b 8e

Exercise 4: 1f 2h 3b 4g 5c 6d 7a 8e

Exercise 5: 1. fell out 2. row 3. isn't speaking

4. lose 5. drifted apart 6. go our separate ways

Famous saying: You can choose your friends, but not your family!

Unit 7 Love and romance

Exercise 1: 1. girlfriend 2. boyfriend 3. going out
4. date 5. romantic 6. kissed 7. in love 8. relationship

Exercise 2: 1d 2c 3b 4c 5a

6. I don't know what she sees in him 7. she's not really interested in him 8. she fancies you 9. She's absolutely crazy about him 10. She's always flirting with him

Exercise 3: 1d 2c 3a 4e 5b

Exercise 4: Serious: fallen in love, madly in love, absolutely adores **Not serious:** a casual relationship, a holiday romance, a brief relationship

Exercise 5: 1b 2a 3a 4b 5a 6b

a. They're going out together. b. They're sleeping together. c. They're in love. d. They've moved in together. e. They're always kissing. f. They live together. g. They're always holding hands. h. They're married.

Exercise 6: 1. split up 2. finished with, weren't right for 3. had a huge row 4. never stop fighting

Exercise 7: 1b 2a 3d 4c