

**Reading skills practice: Friendship quiz – exercises**

Are you a good friend? Would you always be there when your friends need you? Try this quiz to find out!

**Preparation**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... mates                           | a. behave (in a certain way) towards someone                                  |
| 2..... be away                         | b. timid, nervous or embarrassed when with other people                       |
| 3..... coming up                       | c. be on a trip, not at home  |
| 4..... shy                             | d. friends  |
| 5..... take advantage of someone       | e. use someone unfairly, especially if they are trying to be nice or help you |
| 6..... treat someone (well/badly/etc.) | f. happening soon   |



You might think you are the perfect friend, but are you really? What do your mates think of you? Take this short test to find out.



**1 You are at home on a Saturday afternoon when your friend phones you and says he/she is in the town centre and has spent all his/her money and feels really ill. His/her family is away for the day. You ...**

- a go as quickly as you can to help your friend, even though it will take a long time on the bus to get into town.
- b tell your friend to find a taxi and come to your house. You think your parents will probably pay, but it might be very hard to find a taxi.
- c recommend that your friend walks home. The fresh air will make your friend feel better.

**2 Your friend has been having lots of problems with maths, but you find it easy. In a couple of weeks you have some important maths tests and your friend has asked you for some help. You ...**

- a sit down with your friend and organise some times for extra maths classes together, even though this will mean you have less time to study.
- b show your friend some online videos which explain the important points and some questions with answers.
- c tell your friend that he/she can copy from you in the maths test; you'll make sure he/she can see your paper.

**3 You and your friend are both interested in going out with the same person. You know your friend has really liked this person for a long time, but he/she seems to prefer you. You ...**

- a invite the person out with a group of people, then make sure your friend has a chance to talk a lot to him/her.
- b tell your friend that if he/she doesn't invite the person out, you will, even though you know he/she is too shy to make a move.
- c ask the person out and don't tell your friend. All's fair in love and war!

**4 Your friend has just completely changed his/her image: a new hairstyle in blue and red and new clothes in terrible colours. Now he/she wants you to go with him/her to get some tattoos and piercings done. You ...**

- a suggest that he/she thinks carefully before having a tattoo or piercing done – tattoos are very hard to remove if you change your mind.
- b say that you'll go along with him/her for a laugh, but you don't want anything done yourself.
- c tell him/her what you think of his/her new look (that it's awful), and that he/she should get professional advice before doing anything else.

Check your results on the next page.

### Answers

**Mostly As** – you are a great friend, but don't let your mates take advantage of you.

**Mostly Bs** – you're a pretty good friend, but not reliable in a real emergency.

**Mostly Cs** – with friends like you, who needs enemies? You need to treat your friends the way you'd like them to treat you.

#### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | You can do this quiz to find out if you are a good friend.                                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | In question 1, your friend can easily get a bus or taxi.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | In question 2, you can give your friend maths classes without causing difficulties for yourself. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | In question 3, you think the person you like would prefer to go out with your friend.            | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | In question 4, your friend is thinking about a permanent change to his/her body.                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | If you answer mostly Cs, you are not a good friend.  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

#### 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle *a*, *b* or *c* for these sentences.

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| 1. | In question 1, which answer is the most helpful for your friend?                                    | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 2. | Which answer in question 1 sounds good but probably won't work?                                     | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 3. | In question 2, which answer involves the biggest risk for you?                                      | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 4. | Which answer in question 2 takes the least amount of your time?                                     | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 5. | In question 3, which answer has an expression that says it's OK to behave badly if you are in love? | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 6. | Which answer in question 3 is the best for your friend?   | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 7. | In question 4, which answer is the most honest?   | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |
| 8. | Which answer in question 4 is the least responsible?  | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |

#### Discussion

Are you a good friend?

How did you do in the quiz? Do you think your result is accurate?