

Ten easy ways to make friends

Details

A Write the number of the paragraph next to each way to make friends.

- 3 a. Show people that you're interesting.
- b. Show an interest in people.
- c. Watch others.
- d. Be good to your friends.
- e. Don't be changeable.
- f. Go out and meet new people.
- g. Use your eyes.
- h. Choose friends wisely.
- i. Be sure of yourself.
- j. Plan ahead.

Sequencing

B Complete the chart with sentences from the box.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Look people in the eye.	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the newspaper headlines.
<input type="checkbox"/> Be loyal, caring, and supportive.	<input type="checkbox"/> Join a club or play a sport.
<input type="checkbox"/> Be consistent.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask lots of questions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Be a good listener.	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch how other people make friends.
<input type="checkbox"/> Treat people as you'd like to be treated.	

Before meeting new friends	When with new friends	After meeting new friends
	<i>Look people in the eye.</i>	

Comprehension

C Answer these questions.

1. Why should you attend meetings of neighborhood associations or other groups?

It's easier to make friends when you have similar interests.

2. Why should you look people in the eye when you talk to them?

3. Why should you be friendly with a lot of people?

CHALLENGE

D Rank the ways to make friends in Exercise A from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important).

Best friends

Audience and purpose

A Circle the best answers.

- Who was this article written for?
 - men
 - families
 - the general public
- What is the purpose of this article?
 - to discuss the benefits of best friends
 - to explain how to be a good friend
 - to compare friends with family
- How are the main ideas mainly supported?
 - with personal stories
 - with facts
 - with opinions

Parts of speech

B Find the noun forms of these words in the reading.

- happy* (par. 1) happiness
- various* (par. 2) _____
- friendly* (par. 2) _____
- safe* (par. 3) _____
- behave* (par. 3) _____
- lovely* (par. 3) _____
- fashionable* (par. 4) _____
- hesitate* (par. 6) _____

Paraphrasing

C Circle the best paraphrase.

- ... a best friend ... [is] a person who is always there for you. (par. 1)
 - A best friend is always home when you call.
 - A best friend will always help you if needed.
- A best friend is a safe harbor, a guaranteed comfort zone. (par. 3)
 - You can show your true feelings to your friend.
 - You can relax at your friend's house.
- With best friends, you can be who you are. (par. 3)
 - Best friends will help you become successful.
 - Best friends will accept you without any changes.
- [Best friends] will give you ... a kick in the pants if you need it ... (par. 3)
 - Best friends will be violent if necessary.
 - Best friends will criticize you if necessary.

The new family

Context clues

A Find the words in *italics* in the reading. Then complete the sentences.

emergency (par. 1) *divorce* (par. 2) *supportive* (par. 2)
relationship (par. 3) ~~*spare*~~ (par. 5)

- Sometimes I forget my glasses at home, so I have a _____ *spare* _____ pair at work.
- Mr. and Mrs. Smith split up. They got a _____ .
- Commitment and loyalty are important parts of a good _____ .
- Friends are _____ . They help you when you're in trouble.
- If you have an _____, you can call me anytime.

Main ideas

B Write the number of each paragraph next to its main idea.

- ___ 5 a. Erika is closer to Jane than to her family because Jane lives in the same city.
 ___ b. A TV show tells us that friendships last longer than romantic relationships.
 ___ c. A friend is more likely than a family member to call you late at night.
 ___ d. *Real Women* shows the importance of friendship in women's lives.
 ___ e. Erika called Jane when she had a personal emergency.

Details

C These sentences are false. Change one word or phrase to correct each sentence.

- A woman's mother is ~~more~~ ^{less} likely to call at 3:00 A.M. than a friend.
- Erika's friend took her to the doctor at night.
- Friends* is a movie about a close group of young friends.
- Real Women* shows the lives and marriages of five former school friends.
- Erika has a spare set of keys to her friend's apartment.
- Erika sees her family every day.
- Jane feeds Erika's cat whenever she is away.
- Jane may have to move to a different country soon.

CHALLENGE

D Check (✓) the qualities of friendship that are mentioned in the article.

- ___ 1. affection
 ___ 2. commitment
 ___ 3. dependency
 ___ 4. intimacy
 ___ 5. loyalty
 ___ 6. trust