

Friends and Family

Useful words and expressions:

To make friends – заводить друзей

to keep in touch – не терять связь

to lose track of sb – потерять кого-то

to get on well with sb – ладить с кем-то

to have a lot in common with sb – иметь много общего

to be/get used to (doing sth) - привыкнуть

to break a confidence – нарушить конфиденциальность

to be in on a secret – знать какой-то секрет

to stick with each other – держаться вместе

to give up on a friendship – перестать дружить («забить» на дружбу)

to reach out to people – тянуться к людям

acquaintance – знакомый

to care about sb – волноваться о (не безразлично)

to neglect sth – пренебрегать чем-то

to argue/to fight with – спорить/ругаться

to be guilty – быть виноватым

fault – вина

(Ex: It's not my fault – я не виноват)

reliable - надежный

sociable- коммуникабельный, общительный

optimistic- оптимистичный

intolerant – нетерпимый; раздражительный

supportive – оказывающий поддержку

modest – скромный

considerate – внимательный к чувствам других

caring – заботливый

sensitive – чувственный

indifferent – безразличный

insightful – проникательный

conscientious – добросовестный, сознательный

down-to-earth – разумный, практичный

offensive – агрессивный, неприятный

tolerant – терпимый, толерантный

considerate – внимательный к другим, деликатный, тактичный

respectful – почтительный, уважительный

hard-working- трудолюбивый

narrow-minded – недалекий

organized/disorganized

hospitable - гостеприимный

hostile - враждебный

talkative - разговорчивый

open-minded - отзывчивый

arrogant – высокомерный, надменный

ignorant - невежественный

reliable - надежный

supportive – оказывающий поддержку

sensitive- чувствительный

indifferent - безразличный

Idioms:

- **to get on like a house on fire** - to have a good relationship, to get on really well, to read one another's mind
- **to be on the same page** - If people are on the same page, they have the same information and are thinking the same way.
- **to stick with each other** - to stick together, to be standing by, to be there to help one another out
- **to grow apart** - to separate from one another gradually. (*Over the years, they grew apart from each other. Ted and Sharon grew apart and saw less and less of each other*)
- **to grow together** - gradually become attached, united or close (We GREW TOGETHER while we were working on the same project.)
- **to be finger and thumb** - to be best friends, to always stick together
- **bosom / near / intimate / sworn friends / a sidekick** - the best friend ever
- **bff – best friend forever**
- **to backdoor smb, to scheme against smb**
- **on-off relationship** = where you're sometimes friendly, and sometimes not: "Cath and Liz have an on-off relationship."
- **fair-weather friend** = a friend who's never around when you need help: "She's only a fair-weather friend."
- **a frenemy** = someone who's a friend and an enemy at the same time.
- **have friends in high places** = know important / influential people: "Be careful what you say. He's got friends in high places."
- a shoulder to cry on: someone who listens to your problems
It's always good to talk to Hilary, she's so sympathetic. She's **a real shoulder to cry on**
- see eye to eye: to agree with someone
(usually used in the negative) They **don't** always see **eye to eye** on politics but they're still great friends
- no love lost: disagree with someone
They used to be best friends but they had a huge fight about money. Now there's **no love lost** between them
- hate someone's guts: to very strongly dislike someone They fell out and now she **hates his guts**

1. A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world. ~Leo Buscaglia

2. If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it. ~Edgar Watson Howe
3. If I had to sum up Friendship in one word, it would be Comfort. ~Terri Guillemets
4. Friends are those rare people who ask how you are and then wait for the answer. ~Author Unknown
5. It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend. ~William Blake
6. Only your real friends will tell you when your face is dirty. ~Sicilian Proverb
7. "The only way to have a friend is to be one."
8. "Friends are the sunshine of life." John Hay (1871)
9. "Friendship needs no words..." Dag Hammarskjold.
10. "I guess the only way to stop divorce is to stop marriage." Rogers
11. "A successful marriage is an edifice that must be rebuilt every day." Maurois
12. "The family is one of nature's masterpieces." Santayana

Questions:

1. How do you understand the notion of friendship?
2. How many friends do you have? How many true friends can a person have?
3. What character traits do you look for in your friends?
4. Where can one meet/make friends? When is the easiest time to make friends?
5. How do you keep in touch with your friends? How much time do you spend together? What do you do?
6. Do you share hobbies, activities with your friends (family)?
7. Does family get in the way of friendship?
8. During our life do we have to work on our friendship/s?
9. Are your friends acquainted with your family?
10. How important is your family (friends) to you?
11. How often do you have big family get-togethers?
12. Parents are the best friends of a person, aren't they?
13. If parents are both working, does this cause more or less stress in a family? Does this affect family building?
14. Are there many divorces in your country?
15. Who should take care of old people?
16. What do you think of people who get married many times?
17. When do children leave their parents' home in your country?
18. When do parents' stop giving financial support to their children?
19. Who in your family would you turn to if you had an emotional problem? Why?
20. When do you need your family (friends) the most?