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## Still friends?

It's easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

William Blake, 18th century English poet

### 1 VOCABULARY friendship

a Complete the dialogue with the correct tense of a word or phrase from the list.

keep in touch    argue    know    lose touch  
stay friends    meet    get on    have in common



- A Where did you <sup>1</sup> meet ?  
 B At a golf tournament in Spain.
- A How long have you <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ each other?  
 B For about ten years.
- A Why do you think you <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so well?  
 B Because we have very similar personalities.
- A What do you <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B A lot of things, for example we both love playing golf.
- A Do you ever <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B Not much. We usually agree about most things.
- A How do you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B Usually by email and we phone each other occasionally.
- A Have you ever <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B Only for about a month when we both changed our email addresses and forgot to tell each other!
- A Do you think you will always <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B Yes, I'm sure we will. I certainly hope so.

b Write the type of relationship after each sentence.

close friends    colleagues    old friends  
classmates    new friends

- 1 We always do our homework together after school. classmates
- 2 We used to play hockey together but we don't see each other much now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 We only met last month but we get on very well. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 We work together in the same office. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 We tell each other all our secrets. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2 GRAMMAR usually and used to

a Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 **Did you used to wear** glasses?  
Did you use to wear
- 2 **I didn't use to like Callum** but now he's one of my best friends.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 **I usually go swimming** before I go to work.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 **He use to be very overweight** but then he went on a diet. Now he's very slim.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 **Did you use to argue** with your sister when you were little?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 My wife **doesn't use to drive** to work. She normally walks or goes by bus.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Where **did you used to work** before you came here?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 **Do you usually get home** before 8.00?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

b Complete the sentences with *usually* or the correct form of *used to*, and the verb in brackets.

- 1 She used to go (go) to the cinema every week, but she doesn't have time now.
- 2 We never \_\_\_\_\_ (eat out) but now we go to a restaurant twice a week.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my parents on Sundays if I'm not working.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (you / wear) a uniform when you went to school?
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the gym three times a week, but not any more. I'm too busy.
- 6 He \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) children, but now he's the perfect father.
- 7 A \_\_\_\_\_ (you / work) late on Fridays?  
B No, today was an exception.
- 8 He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very patient, but now he's really impatient.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (they / go) to the beach a lot when they were kids?
- 10 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a long holiday, but this year we're going to Australia for six weeks!

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### 3 READING

- a Match each text to a person A–D.
- b Read the article again and answer the questions with A, B, C, or D.

Who ...

- 1 ... thinks that you can't have close friends who live far away? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 ... thinks that relatives are more important than friends? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 ... has more friends now than before? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 ... thinks that close friends need to have a lot in common? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ... thinks that having friends isn't a necessity? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 ... has close friends who enjoy physical activity? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 ... doesn't think that women and men can be close friends? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 ... doesn't have the same occupation as their close friends? \_\_\_\_\_



## Friendship



We often use the word 'friendship' but what does it really mean? What is a close friend? We asked two generations, male and female, to say what they thought:

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ : I think a close friend is someone you get on really well with, who helps you when you have problems, who gives you advice, and who always has time for you. I didn't use to have many close friends when I was at school or at university as I was very shy, but now I have several. They are all women – I think it's difficult to have a close friend of the opposite sex.

**2** \_\_\_\_\_ : I think a close friend is someone who you've known for a long time, and who you still get on with. They probably have similar hobbies to you so you can do things together. I've got three close friends who I was at secondary school with and we often go away together (without our parents of course). We either go camping or we stay in youth hostels but somewhere we can go walking, play football, and be outside in the open air.

**3** \_\_\_\_\_ : I'm not sure how to answer the question because I don't really have any close friends. I know a lot of people but mainly through work, and the sort of social occasions when we meet are business dinners, things like that. I think if you come from a really close family, which I do, then friends are a bit superfluous. The little free time I have I prefer to spend with my family.

**4** \_\_\_\_\_ : For me close friends are the people you spend your free time with. I go out at weekends with a group of people – there are about seven of us, and I'd say they are my close friends. They're also people who live near me. I don't think you can have close friends at a distance, you need to be able to see each other often. But I don't think you need to be doing the same things, I mean I'm at university but none of my friends are.

#### 4 PRONUNCIATION /s/ or /z/

a How is *se* pronounced in these sentences? Tick (✓) the correct column.



- |   |                                     |                          |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 I have two very close friends.                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 He's decided to do an intensive course.                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 He got a fine because he used his mobile phone while driving. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 I'm not sure what the cause of the accident was.              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 She used to teach but now she's an author.                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Can I close the window?                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Excuse me! Can you help me?                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 I promise I won't tell anyone.                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 The weather is getting worse.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Use your dictionaries to help you.                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

b Practise saying the sentences in a.

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#### 5 HOW WORDS WORK *get*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *get* or a phrase with *get*.

- Everyone got very excited when they were watching the match.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ very well with our neighbours. In fact we are good friends now.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ the party quite late because I missed my train.
- How many emails do you \_\_\_\_\_ every day?
- He's quite shy but when you \_\_\_\_\_ him he's very nice.
- I went to the *Friends Reunited* website because I wanted to try to \_\_\_\_\_ with an old school friend.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ my old car and I bought a new one.
- Can we stop playing now? I'm \_\_\_\_\_ very tired.

#### More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
reply <i>noun and verb</i>	/rɪ'plai/	
useful <i>adjective</i>	/'ju:sfl/	
break up (with sb) <i>verb</i>	/breɪk ʌp/	
get in touch with <i>verb</i>	/get ɪn tʌtʃ wɪð/	
get rid of <i>verb</i>	/get rɪd əv/	
get to know <i>verb</i>	/get tə nəʊ/	
make an excuse <i>verb</i>	/meɪk ən ɪk'skju:s/	
realize <i>verb</i>	/'ri:əlaɪz/	
tend to <i>verb</i>	/tend tə/	
wonder <i>verb</i>	/'wʌndə/	

#### LISTENING

a Listen and tick (✓) the three topics the woman talks about.

- a friend she used to have
- an actor she used to like
- a teacher she used to hate
- a sport she used to play
- a machine she used to use a lot

b Listen again and answer the questions.

- When did she and Matilda stop seeing each other?
- When did they lose touch?
- Why didn't she like the French teacher?
- What happened as a result?
- Why did she stop playing squash?
- Why does she now prefer tennis?

c Listen again with the tapescript on p.77 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

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#### CAN YOU REMEMBER...?

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Complete each space with one word.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a uniform when I was at school.
- This \_\_\_\_\_ be the way out. There's an exit sign.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you be able to come tomorrow?
- You won't pass your exam \_\_\_\_\_ you study harder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you go to their party if they invited you?
- He \_\_\_\_\_ to be very fat but now he's thin.

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## 1 MAKING SUGGESTIONS

Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

Ben <sup>1</sup> **What we are going to do** this evening?

What are we going to do

Sarah <sup>2</sup> **Shall we to go out** for dinner?

Ben I have a better idea. <sup>3</sup> **Let's see** a film and then go out to dinner.

Sarah That's a great idea. <sup>4</sup> **What film do we see** ?

Ben It's up to you. We can choose when we get there.

Sarah <sup>5</sup> **Why don't we go to** La Brasserie for dinner?

Ben No, we went there last time. <sup>6</sup> **How about go to** that burger place I like?

Sarah I fancy Italian. <sup>7</sup> **What about Bon Gusto?**

Ben Yes, <sup>8</sup> **let's to go** there. It's expensive but the food's great.

## 2 SOCIAL ENGLISH useful phrases

Complete the dialogues with the correct phrase.

1 A What would you like ?

B I think I'll have the steak.

2 A Have you finished? S\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_ now?

B Yes, I'm ready to leave.

3 A That cake l\_\_\_\_\_ good.

B Yes, let's have a piece.

4 A Do you think you c\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ a favour?

B It depends what it is!

5 A I only want a salad, thanks.

B A\_\_\_\_\_ y\_\_\_\_\_ hungry?

6 A Let's go out to dinner tomorrow.

B H\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_. I've got a better idea. Let's go to the cinema, then out to dinner.

## 3 READING

a Read the text and answer the questions with the name of a group or singer.

Who ...

1 ... only asked for soft drinks? The Beatles

2 ... wanted to spend some time thinking in silence? \_\_\_\_\_

3 ... wanted to listen to music? \_\_\_\_\_

4 ... needed to clean some clothes? \_\_\_\_\_

5 ... was worried about their safety? \_\_\_\_\_

6 ... wanted to write to somebody? \_\_\_\_\_

7 ... didn't like a certain colour of food? \_\_\_\_\_

8 ... wanted to play their music in a special room? \_\_\_\_\_

b Underline five words you don't know. Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.



## ROCK STARS' strange requests

When the Beatles first toured America in 1963 they only asked for soft drinks backstage. But things have changed, and rock stars and bands now include long lists of demands in their contracts before they agree to perform.

The band that started it all were Van Halen, a 1980s American heavy rock group. The story goes that one part of the contract asked for a bowl of M&Ms to be provided but with all the brown sweets removed!

Since then many major artists have become well known for their requests. Here are some of our favourite ones:

★ A rehearsal room to practise in before the show, which should be decorated in black leather with indoor plants. (Jane's Addiction)

★ An armour-plated Mercedes or a BMW, and three leather chairs and a sofa in the dressing room. (Whitney Houston)

★ A meditation room. (Red Hot Chili Peppers)

★ White flowers, white candles, a CD player, and a TV. Also that only Evian mineral water should be supplied. (Jennifer Lopez)

★ Champagne, homemade desserts, and 12 fluffy towels. (Mariah Carey)

★ Dry-cleaning services and two limousines, and Diet Coke (but it must be in cans, not bottles). (Elton John)

★ Vodka, red wine, 48 strong beers (which must not be American), 48 bottles of mineral water, a kettle, eight local postcards with stamps, and eight pairs of socks. (Coldplay)

Luckily for concert organizers not everyone is so demanding. US singer Beck only needs rice cakes, hummus, water, and yoghurt!