

26 My best friend

QUESTIONNAIRES Spin the wheel

A close friend
45m (Main activity 30m)

USEFUL LANGUAGE

argue, breeze, get on (well with), joy, sense of humour, treasure (v), trust, truth
Present simple questions (*Do you . . . ?* etc.), Past simple questions (*When did you . . . ?* etc.),
Adverbs of frequency (*always, etc.*)

PREPARATION

Make one copy of the Spin the wheel questionnaire for every three students. If you wish to do the Follow up, you will also need one copy of the Friendship poems sheet for every three students.

LEAD-IN

Write *A good friend should . . .* on the board and put students into pairs to complete the sentence in as many ways as they can. When they finish, tell them to share their ideas with their classmates. You may wish to write some of their ideas on the board.

MAIN ACTIVITY

See the Teacher's notes on page 12.

FOLLOW UP

Put students into pairs or groups of three and give each group a copy of the Friendship poems. Tell them to read the poems and look up any words they don't know in their dictionary. Read the poems aloud to the class, pointing out the stress and rhythm. Then tell students to read the poems aloud to each other. Finally, tell students to discuss which poem they like best, and encourage them to give their reasons.

Friendship poems

A friend is someone we turn to
when our spirits need a lift,
A friend is someone we treasure
for our friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our lives
with beauty, joy, and grace
And makes the whole world we live in
a better and happier place.

– Jean Kyler McManus

Friendship is like the breeze,
You can't hold it,
Smell it,
Taste it,
Or know when it's coming,
But you can always feel it,
And you'll always know it's there,
It may come and then go,
But you can know it'll always be back.

– Terri Fanning

Friends will come and friends will go,
The seasons change and it will show,
I will age and so will you,
But our friendship stays, strong and true

– Anonymous

There's nothing as nice as someone who shares,
your laughter, your secrets, your wishes and cares,
someone who's there through your good times and tears,
who stays by your side as your friend through the years.

– Autymn Skillings