

12A Friendship

Activity 1

- A** A: What do you think they're talking about?
B: In the first picture, they're sharing a secret. They may be talking about something embarrassing that happened.
A: Or they might be talking about their boss at work.
B: Which group would you like to join?
A: I'd like to join the second group because they look like they're having the most fun.

Activity 1

- C** A: What qualities are necessary for friendship?
B: Honesty is a very important quality.
A: Why do you say that?
B: Friends need to be able to tell each other what they really think.

Activity 2

- C** A: When did you meet your best friend? How did you meet?
B: I met my best friend in high school. We were in the same class.
C: What do you have in common with your best friend?
A: We share a lot of the same interests, and we have very similar values.
B: What do you like to do together?
C: We go to the movies a lot, and we study together a few times a week.
A: What qualities do you admire in your friend?
B: I'm really motivated by her. She always studies hard.

Activity 3

- A** A: Which do you think is the best definition for *acquaintance*?
B: Let's see. I think an acquaintance is someone you know, but don't consider a close friend. That's *k*.
A: Yes, that's right. How about number 2: *close friend*?

Activity 3

- B** A: Can you describe your relationship with some people you know?
B: Hee-Jin is my classmate, but she's also my best friend. My roommate is Sarah, and she's also a good friend.

Activity 3

- C** A: How many close friends do you have?
B: I have about four really close friends.
C: How many of your friends are old friends?
D: I have a few friends that I've known for a long time.
A: Do you have any former friends you'd like to be friends with again?
B: I've had some really good friends that I've lost contact with over the years. It would be great to meet up with them again.

Activity 4

- A: What does each saying mean? Let's try to restate each one in our own words.
B: The first one means an old friend knows you best and will tell you the truth.
C: Which sayings do you agree with?
A: I agree with the saying "Your most important friend is yourself." It's true that you need to value and like yourself in order for others to value and like you.

12B Meeting people

Activity 1

- A** A: Which words describe you and your perfect partner?
B: I'm easygoing, and my perfect partner needs to be easygoing, too.
A: For me, I'm romantic, and I'd like my partner to be warmhearted.

Activity 1

- B** A: What information in part A is the most important?
B: I think the most important information is the things you like to do. It's important to have things in common.
C: What other information would be useful to know before meeting someone?
D: It would be useful to know what the person looks like.
A: Do you know anyone who has tried Internet dating? What happened?
B: I have a friend who's tried Internet dating. She says it's not a great way to meet people.
C: Do you know anyone who has been on a blind date? What happened?
D: I went on a blind date last month. My cousin set it up. It was awful!

Activity 1

- C** A: What's the best way to meet the perfect partner?
B: I think the best way is to join a club. You can meet people who share your interests.
C: Really? I think the best way is to just wait patiently. It worked for me.

Activity 2

- A** A: Who do you think is married to each other now?
B: It's hard to tell, but Amy and Brian look as though they would make a good couple.
A: Do you think so? I'm not sure about that. I think Amy and David would make a better couple.

Activity 2

- D** A: At what age do people usually get married in your culture?
B: It depends on the person, but I think people usually get married at about age 27.
C: Are people today getting married earlier or later than 20 years ago? Why?
A: These days more people go to college, so they're getting married later.
B: What kind of wedding ceremony is popular? What happens?
C: A traditional Western wedding ceremony has become popular in my country. Many brides wear white wedding dresses and walk down the aisle.
A: Describe a wedding ceremony you've been to.
B: I've been to a wedding ceremony where the couple just registered their marriage at City Hall. The ceremony ended really quickly. But then we went to a restaurant for the reception, which was nice.