

A. Discuss the following questions.

1. Who is your best friend? What is he or she like? Describe him or her to your partner.
2. Why is he or she your best friend? What special qualities does he or she have?

B. Match the words below with the definitions.

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| 1. to catch up | a) to become familiar with someone's personality |
| 2. to get back in touch/contact | b) to tell each other your latest news |
| 3. to get on well | c) to communicate with someone |
| 4. to get to know each other | d) to have a friendly relationship with someone |
| 5. to have a lot in common | e) to have many similar interests and opinions |
| 6. to hit it off | f) to like each other |
| 7. to keep/stay in touch/contact | g) to see and talk to someone |
| 8. to lose touch/contact | h) to stop talking to someone because you are angry with him or her |
| 9. to meet | i) to spend time with someone by appointment |
| 10. to meet up | j) to start communicating with someone after a period of no communication |
| 11. to fall out (with someone) | k) to stop communicating with someone |

C. Fill the gaps below with the words from B in the correct form.

1. I first him when I was at school.
2. We immediately. We enjoyed spending time together from the start.
3. We We liked the same music and the same sports.
4. We very well. We learned a lot about each other.
5. We when I went away to university. I was too busy to email or phone him.
6. We after university. I rang him one day because I missed him.
7. We because we understand each other.
8. We never with each other because we tend to agree with each other on most things.
9. We by email and phone. We speak to each other at least once a week.
10. We once a month or so. We usually go to pub together then have a pizza.
11. We enjoy with each other. It's nice to chat about what's happening in our lives.

D. Ask your partner the questions below.

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| 1. How did you meet your best friend? | 5. Why exactly do you get on well together? |
| 2. Did you hit it off immediately? | 6. Have you ever fallen out with each other? |
| 3. What do you have in common? | 7. How do you keep/stay in touch/contact? |
| 4. Have you ever lost touch/contact? | 8. How often do you meet up? |
| | 9. Do you enjoy catching up together? |

E. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

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| 1. Who are your closest friends? What are they like? Describe them to your partner. | 8. Why do some people like having a pen-pal? |
| 2. What do you and your friends usually do together? | 9. How do you keep in contact with friends who don't live near you? How difficult is it to stay in touch? |
| 3. Who is your oldest friend? How long have you known each other? | 10. Have you ever made friends with someone through the Internet? Have you ever met this person face-to-face? Why (not)? |
| 4. Do you find it easy to make new friends? Why (not)? | 11. Do you think a man and a woman can be 'just good friends'? Why (not)? |
| 5. Who is your newest friend? How did you meet? | 12. What is more important to young people nowadays, friends or family? Which is more important to you, and why? |
| 6. What qualities are most important to you in a friend? Honesty? A sense of humour? Something else? | 13. Are you a good friend? What qualities do you offer your friends? |
| 7. Have you ever had a pen-pal? Why (not)? | |

F. Discuss the following statement.

A man's best friend is his dog.