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Level 4 Writes

Friendships Are Second Family

A good friendship is something important during a person's life. Many people have friendships that last for a long time. It is important to keep friendships close because they are a second family.

In my opinion, a good friendship always makes me happy and helps me to reduce stress. First, my best friend makes me feel happy because she helps me smile at every important moment in life. For example, on my birthday she came to visit my house and she enjoyed the celebration with my whole family. In addition, she always gives me confidence, comfort, love, and respect.

Second, whenever I feel sad, when I have a problem or feel sick, she is there for me and listens to me. I have received the best advice from her and somehow, she makes me smile every time. Besides, she makes time to talk to me and exchange jokes or stories.

Lastly, I am lucky to have a good friend that is with me in every moment of my life.

In conclusion, everybody needs a great friend. A true friend will make time to be there for you at important times. *Nancy, Colombia*

(Photo: Good Ski Buddies on a Winter Term Ski Trip)

GyeongYeon, South Korea: Friendship is both an easy and a hard word to describe. In the dictionary, friendship is described as the state of friends. Then, how can you define friends? Friends can be superficial relationships just for social life, but I think that a relationship is just an acquaintance. I think the key point of how to define friendship is in the word itself. Maybe this is an idea that I can think because I'm a foreigner. Friendship can be divided into two words, friend and ship. A ship can be dangerous transportation in harsh waves and open sea. Then, friends will be sailors on this dangerous journey. Sailors have to be believable people who will go through dangerous journeys together. Thus, here's a conclusion. Do you have friends who can share your ship on a dangerous and unexpected journey?

Abulkarim, Saudi Arabia: Your friend is yourself in another body. He should feel happy for you and he should support you with any decision in your favor. But he shouldn't blame you when you fail. Your friend is helping you before you ask for it. The relationship between you and your friend is like a sibling relationship or closer. Taking care of each other when you need. If you understand your friend very well, your friend will be closer. If you want to have a good friend, you need to be a good friend first.

*Today the sun shines on you
The reason for my life comes
I see in you the illusion
Your gaze fills me with
Warmth
I feel the emotion in me
Without words we weave tension
I think of you, of together (both)
It was your soul looking for my voice*

Jefferson, Ecuador



Add a Sentence Game

Shared Class Compositions: Level 3 played a writing game in which each student chose from two prompts and wrote a single sentence before passing their papers to the next person.

Each student contributed ideas to these fun comps.



It was an ordinary day at school. I reached the school at 8 am. Then I was preparing for class. The school was quite. That day, there was an activity at the school, and I was excited. When my dad came to the school and said to me, “Come back home, your pet is dying.” I was very surprised. I went home as fast as I could. When I arrived home I saw my pet walk in the living room, and looked at my dad. He was laughing and he told me it was a joke.

It was a cold and rainy night. I had been driving on a highway travelling to another city, and I couldn’t drive anymore, so I stopped at a motel to take a rest. After I took a nap, I was hungry, so I was looking for a good restaurant. I saw a restaurant nearby that looked good, but it was closed. I went to several stores that were close to me and bought something until tomorrow morning.

It was an ordinary day at school. All of the students were working quietly at their desks. Suddenly, the teacher said, “Today we have a quiz.” Then we were loud. “What quiz, teacher? We didn’t know about it!!” All the students were very surprised. The quiz was about the past tense verbs. Fortunately, I was prepared because I had studied the previous night. But when the teacher gave me the grade, and I saw it I felt sad because it was an F. then I asked my teacher, “Why did you give me an F?” He said, “You need to study more. You have the ability, so you can do it!” I swore to do my best next time.

It was a cold and rainy night. I was watching a movie in my room while my mom was sleeping. Then I heard a strange noise, so I went to the place that I heard it. I didn’t see anything. I wondered why there was a loud noise, and I asked myself who made this loud noise. After that, I discovered that it was thunder and lightning. I was very afraid, so I decided to go to my bed. Now I don’t want to watch movies alone.

It was a cold and rainy night. I was hungry, and I couldn’t order anything. When I wanted to go to a restaurant, I heard a strange call from my brother’s room. I ran to his room to see if everything was okay or not. Suddenly, I saw a shadow—the shadow was walking around the room. I said, “Who is there,” but no one answered my question. I was scared. I went to my room and lay down under the blanket. Just then my mother brought food. Fortunately, I ate the food deliciously.

It was a cold and rainy night. I went to see my brother’s room, but he wasn’t there. I went to my mom’s room, but she wasn’t there either. I wanted to talk to someone, but there was no one at my house. I decided to call my friends because I was scared. But my friend didn’t answer the phone either. Then I heard a noise in the living room. I went to the living room to check if everything was okay, and I saw a thief! The thief was stealing my pet. Then I called the police, but I didn’t have an answer. I ran and hid in my room, and I saw the thief again, but after that I saw my brother. I realized my brother had played a joke on me.



Are Friendships the Same Around the World?

Asmaa, Morocco: Having a good and solid friendship is important for many reasons. First, friends make your life more enjoyable and enrich your experience every day. Second, your relationship with friends teaches you about yourself, challenges you to be better, stay healthy, and live longer.

Nathaniel, Ecuador: I think friendship is most important in all countries, and I have many reasons. First, friendship can help us feel better because our friends can listen and talk with us. In each person and country the friendship is different. For example, I know many people that think the friends can make you more popular, this is bad because they make friends from anyone and consequently they don't know who your real friend is. Second, when you make a real friends it is you must treasure because is difficult find one person where you can rely. For finish, I think the relationship is the most important, and I think one real friend is better than ten fakes ones.

Marizell, Peru: Friendship in my country is similar to other countries for different reasons. First, friendship is a feeling that you share with other people. For example, my best friend is very nice. We always are in contact and share with each other. Second, in Denver, friendship is similar; you can share topics of the same interest with other people and food. I think is a little different here because bring food, like a cake or chocolate, to their friends. As you can see, the principle is shared feelings and topic of the same interest.

Talal, Saudi Arabia: Friendship is the relationship between friends. First of all, a friend can be a wife, husband, brother, sister, and anyone. For example, my best friend is my brother named Majed. I and Majed have many common things between us like hobbies, dreams, goals, and friends. Also, friends can be partners like wife and husband, such as my parents. They look like friends. They love each other, and they care about their health and feelings. In my opinion, my parents are the best friendship I have ever seen. Second, friends depend on contributions between them. For example, sometimes your friend can be your neighbor or your classmate. Furthermore, a lot of people know each other from something subscribed between them. As you can see, friendship is not a word. It is a big thing we can describe.

Malbi, Venezuela: Friendship is very important for me. I have friends from different countries, and it is very interesting. However, I have a special friend who lives in another country, but she is from Venezuela, like me. Although she lives in Spain, we talk almost every day. She makes me happy, because I know she always is there for me. In addition, I appreciate her friendship and I love her because she is a good person, and she supports me in everything. I think all of us should have a friend; they make everything easier. If you have a loyal friend, you have so much because friendship is very important and special.

Yongxing, China: For me, friendship is an important thing in our life because it will make our life more colorful. Friends make our live more enjoyable, so I don't feel lonely. Sometimes in life, you find a best friend, someone who changes your life just by being part of it. Someone who makes you laugh until you can't stop. Someone who makes you believe that there really is good in the world. This is a forever friendship. When you are down, your friend will be around you. Your true friend lifts you up in spirit.



Spring School Conversation Partners offer students a chance to make an American friend and encourages them to practice their conversation skills. Partners meet every other week at lunch time. CP Paul, in photo, enjoys being a Partner so much that he has been part of the program for many years.

Famous Quotations about Friendship

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." — Walter Winchell

"If you live to be 100, I hope I live to be 100 minus 1 day, so I never have to live without you." — Winnie the Pooh

"A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world." — Leo Buscaglia

"A friend is the hope of the heart." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." — Muhammad Ali

"Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing." — Elie Wiesel

"Treat your friends as you do your pictures, and place them in their best light." — Lady Randolph Churchill

"Because of you, I laugh a little harder, cry a little less, and smile a lot more." — Unknown



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