

Vocabulary

Friendship expressions

Complete the text with the phrases in the box. There are two extra phrases.

a lot in common	close friends	count on	drifted apart	fell out
got on well together	hit it off	ups and downs	went our separate ways	

I met Andy when I was just fifteen. At first we didn't (1) _____ at all. We really didn't have (2) _____ . He was into sports while I only liked music. Then one day we had to work on a school project together and we discovered that we (3) _____ . After that, we spent more and more time together and became (4) _____ . Of course, like most people we've had our (5) _____ , but we haven't (6) _____ and I'm sure that I can always (7) _____ him if I need any help.

Match the expressions in the box in Exercise 1 to the definitions.

- a) good and bad experiences or situations _____
- b) having the same interests _____
- c) liked each other and became friends _____
- d) like one another the first time you meet _____
- e) people who know each other well and like each other _____
- f) rely on somebody _____
- g) had an argument _____

Grammar

Tense review

Complete the questions with the words in the box.

How long What's When Where Who
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- a) _____ your best friend's name?
- b) _____ does he live?
- c) _____ have you been learning English?
- d) _____ would you like to meet the most?
- e) _____ did you start learning English?

Question forms

Correct the mistakes in these questions.

- a) Who do is your favourite actor?
- b) What were you do yesterday?
- c) Who you meet yesterday?
- d) How long you knew each other?
- e) What kind of things you like?

Adverbs of frequency

Put the word or phrase in brackets in the correct place in each sentence.

- a) Do you go out with your friends on Friday night? (usually)

- b) I have a glass of wine. (now and again)

- c) Jack goes clubbing. (regularly)

- d) My sister is on the phone to her friends. (always)

- e) Samantha doesn't go to parties. (often)

Reading

Read the text. Is the information in these sentences true (T), false (F) or not given (NG)?

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| a) | Friends Reunited started in 2000. | T / F / NG |
| b) | Classmates.com was the idea of a couple called Pankhurst. | T / F / NG |
| c) | Julie wanted the site to help people find dates. | T / F / NG |
| d) | Some school friends have met on the site and then got married. | T / F / NG |
| e) | People can write false information. | T / F / NG |

Internet sites such as Friends Reunited in the UK and Classmates.com in the US are extremely popular. Friends Reunited launched in July 2000 and now has millions of people registered. The website was the idea of Steve Pankhurst and his wife Julie. At the time they were expecting their first child and Julie was interested in finding out whether her school friends were also married and had families. So, the main idea was simply to find a way in which old school friends who had lost touch with each other could be reunited. Now thousands of people are doing this through the website, where they can write their own profile and view profiles of their old school friends. There are a lot of happy stories of friends who had gone their separate ways after leaving school and had lost touch, but who have now become friends again after contacting each other through the website. However not everything about these websites is positive. Firstly, there is no way in which a lot of the information can be checked, so it is quite possible that people write things about themselves which simply aren't true. The websites have also been blamed for a number of marriage breakups – a result of old school couples getting back together!

Useful phrases

Underline the correct words.

- 1 How are **life / things**?
- 2 How's **going / life**?
- 3 Oh! **pretty / great** good.
- 4 What are you up to **lately / these days**?
- 5 I'd **afraid / better** dash.
- 6 I'll **give / take** you a call.