Relationships: friends forever

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Tick the correct category for each friendship word.

Word | Feeling | Action | Type of friend | Quality

1 confide in [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
2 dependable [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
3 childhood friend [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
4 grateful [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
5 rely on [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
6 acquaintance [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
7 supportive [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
8 stick together [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 She is my more close friend. _____
2 We know each other since school. _____
3 He always confide in me. _____
4 They have a lot in common things. _____
5 I can rely in her completely. _____
6 We are keeping in touch since years. _____
7 She is a very supportive of a friend. _____
8 We have get on well for a long time. _____

3 Choose the more suitable description.

1 For a friend you have known a long time: close friend / acquaintance.
2 For someone you can always trust with a secret: confidant / stranger.
3 For a friendship that has weakened over time: drifted apart / fallen out.
4 For a friend who always helps in difficult times: dependable / unreliable.
5 For someone you know only slightly: acquaintance / best friend.
6 For friends who never abandon each other: stick together / grow apart.

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4 Complete the profiles with words from the box.

confide in | dependable | drifted apart | grateful | keep in touch | loyal | reliable | rely on | stick together | supportive

Profile A: Ben and Marco were 1 _____ friends at school and always 2 _____ through difficult times. Marco was extremely 3 _____ and Ben knew he could 4 _____ him for anything. Ben always felt 5 _____ for his friendship.

Profile B: Sadly, after university, Ben and Marco 6 _____, mainly because they moved to different cities and stopped trying to 7 _____. Ben used to 8 _____ Marco about everything, but they gradually lost that closeness. Even so, Ben still describes him as a 9 _____ and 10 _____ person.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

What makes a friendship last?

Psychologists suggest that lasting friendships depend less on how often people meet and more on mutual trust, shared values and the willingness to make an effort. Friends who regularly check in with each other, even briefly, tend to stay close, while those who never make contact often drift apart without noticing. Distance and busy schedules are common challenges, but small gestures, such as a quick message or a phone call, can maintain a connection over many years. Researchers also note that the ability to be honest, even about disagreements, strengthens a friendship rather than weakening it.

1 What do lasting friendships depend on most? _____

2 What often happens to friends who never make contact? _____

3 Name two common challenges to friendship. _____

4 What small gestures can maintain a connection? _____

5 What effect does honesty have on a friendship? _____

6 Is meeting often the most important factor, according to the text? _____

6 Rewrite each phrase using the word in capitals.

1 We haven't spoken for years. TOUCH _____

2 He tells me everything, even secrets. CONFIDE _____

3 They stopped being close over time. APART _____

4 I can always depend on her. RELY _____

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 100-120 word description of two contrasting friendships you have had (or imagine). Cover how they began, how close you are and what keeps or kept you connected.

[ ] Use at least ten target expressions. [ ] Include polite, precise wording. [ ] Organise the contrast clearly.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Categories

1 Action 2 Quality 3 Type of friend 4 Feeling 5 Action 6 Type of friend 7 Quality 8 Action

2 Corrections

1 a closer friend 2 known each other since school 3 confides in me 4 a lot in common
5 rely on her 6 have kept in touch for years 7 a very supportive friend 8 have got on well

3 Suitable descriptions

1 close friend 2 confidant 3 drifted apart 4 dependable 5 acquaintance 6 stick together

4 Profiles

1 close 2 stuck together 3 dependable 4 rely on 5 grateful 6 drifted apart 7 keep in touch
8 confide in 9 loyal 10 reliable

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 Mutual trust, shared values and effort.
2 They often drift apart without noticing.
3 Any two: distance, busy schedules.
4 A quick message or a phone call.
5 It strengthens the friendship.
6 No, meeting often is not the most important factor.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 We've lost touch. 2 He confides in me. 3 They drifted apart. 4 I can rely on her.

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check range, respectful register and clear comparison.