

MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS 1

LESSON 1

1 Read the text and complete the table.

Posted: 01.09.2013	<i>Join Date: Sep 2013. Location: West Coast USA</i>
 Nick	Hi! My name is Nick. Welcome to my homepage. I'm eleven years old. I'm from Liverpool, England. I have a lot of friends, so I'm very sociable. Meet my family.
Posted: 01.09.2013	<i>Join Date: Sep 2013. Location: West Coast USA</i>
 Elizabeth	This is my mum. Her name is Elizabeth. She is 36. My mum is very kind.
Posted: 01.09.2013	<i>Join Date: Sep 2013. Location: West Coast USA</i>
 Albert	This is my dad. His name is Albert. He is 39, and he is very hard-working.
Posted: 01.09.2013	<i>Join Date: Sep 2013. Location: West Coast USA</i>
 Jason	And this is my younger brother Jason. He is 5. Jason is nice and funny.

What about you? What's your name? How old are you? Where are you from? Do you have a family? Is your family large? What are your parents like?

Write to me at nick@friendship.com.uk

Member of Nick's family	Name	Age	Character
-----	Nick	11	sociable
Nick's mother			
Nick's father			
Nick's brother			



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2 Write to Nick. Answer his questions. Start like this:

Hello, Nick!

My name is

Your e-mail friend,

(your name)

LESSON 2

1 Read the dialogue and fill in the gaps with the choices (A—E).

- A Oh, really
- B Do you think that's a good thing or a bad thing
- C I'll look forward to that
- D Sure, with pleasure
- E What was the last thing he bought for you

Sophie: Hey, Ruth.

Ruth: Hi, Sophie.

Sophie: So, tell me about your family.

Ruth: ⁽¹⁾.

Sophie: So, who is the most serious person in your family?

Ruth: Serious? You know, actually, I don't think anybody in my family is very serious.

Sophie: ⁽²⁾?

Ruth: Maybe my grandfather is. However, my father is even more serious. He is very thoughtful and doesn't like fooling around.

Sophie: ⁽³⁾?

Ruth: I think it's a good thing, but from time to time I think it's a bad thing.

Sophie: I see. Now, who is the funniest person in your family?

Ruth: The funniest person? Probably my mum is. She's got a really good sense of humour, and she plays tricks on people, she's really funny.

Sophie: Right! And who is the most generous person in your whole family?

Ruth: My brother likes giving presents to me, and sometimes I feel uncomfortable because he's so generous in buying and giving me things, so yes, I would say my brother is the most generous.

Sophie: ⁽⁴⁾?

Ruth: Ah, that's a good question. He bought me some clothes, actually, when I came here on holiday.

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Sophie: That's great! Do you have a picture of him?

Ruth: I do have one. I'll show you later.

Sophie: ⁽⁵⁾!

2 Complete the sentences about Ruth's family.

- Ruth's father is more serious than her grandfather.
- The most serious person in Ruth's family is _____.
- The funniest person in Ruth's family is _____.
- The most generous person in Ruth's family is _____.

3 Read and choose the letter of the correct answer.



LESSON 3

1 What friend is a devoted friend? Look at the words below and rank the qualities of a good friend in the order of their importance: number 1 will be the most important and number 10 will be the least important. Then complete the sentences.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sociable | <input type="checkbox"/> intelligent | <input type="checkbox"/> hard-working | <input type="checkbox"/> funny |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reliable | <input type="checkbox"/> strong | <input type="checkbox"/> polite | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> honest | <input type="checkbox"/> selfish | <input type="checkbox"/> serious | |

The most important quality for a good friend is being _____.

Being _____ is more important than being _____.

Being _____ is less important than being _____.

Being _____ is not important at all. _____

2 A. Match the beginnings of the sayings with their endings.

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| 1) A friend in need | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B | A your friends. |
| 2) If you want to have a friend — | <input type="checkbox"/> | B is a friend indeed. |
| 3) Books and friends should be | <input type="checkbox"/> | C a world in us. |
| 4) The way to your friend | <input type="checkbox"/> | D few but good. |
| 5) In hardship you know | <input type="checkbox"/> | E be one! |
| 6) Each friend represents | <input type="checkbox"/> | F is never too long. |



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B. Make up a sentence to illustrate one of the sayings from part A.

3 Match the questions with the answers.

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| 1) What does your friend look like? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D | A Michelle. She lives in France. |
| 2) Is Susan wearing a dress? | <input type="checkbox"/> | B No. She's wearing a blue skirt and a yellow blouse. |
| 3) Tell me about Tom. What kind of person is he? | <input type="checkbox"/> | C He's a very funny person. And he is very generous, too. |
| 4) What is your penfriend's name? | <input type="checkbox"/> | D She has blonde hair and she wears glasses. |

LESSON 4

1 Peter is studying English in Brighton, but he isn't a fast learner. And he isn't very attentive either. Read Peter's letter to his mum and correct his mistakes (7).

Dear Mum!

I want to tell you about my new friends, who I've met here, in Brighton.

I share my room with Paul, he is from France. He is kind, funny and very *energetic* (*winnergetic*)⁽¹⁾ and _____ (*livele*)⁽²⁾ — he is always full of life and energy. Laura and Miguel are my classmates. Laura is from Italy. She works hard on her English, she is really _____ (*hard-walking*)⁽³⁾. Besides, Laura is rather _____ (*cleverest*)⁽⁴⁾, too, as she knows a lot and studies well. Miguel, on the opposite, is very _____ (*layzi*)⁽⁵⁾. He doesn't like studying and prefers to waste time on playing computer games and surfing the Internet. However, he is very _____ (*nohest*)⁽⁶⁾ — he always tells the truth, and he is a _____ (*chairful*)⁽⁷⁾ person, too.

That's all for now.

Love, Peter

2 Write synonyms of the following words and word combinations.

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| active — _____ <i>energetic</i> _____ | to work much — to be _____ |
| idle — _____ | full of life — _____ |
| intelligent — _____ | paying attention — _____ |
| happy — _____ | |

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3 Think about a friend of yours and complete the table about him/her.

Questions	My friend
What is his/her name?	
How old is he/she?	
What is he/she like?	
What features of his/her character do you like?	
What features of his/her character do you not like?	
What does he/she like doing in his/her free time?	

4 Read and choose the letter of the correct answer.



LESSON 5

Answer the questions of the test and check the results below. Do you agree with them?
Discuss the results of the test with your partner.

FAMILY FUN

Are you a family person or a friends' person?

- Do you celebrate your birthday with your family or with your friends?
 - I celebrate it with family.
 - I celebrate it with friends.
- You'd like to spend New Year's Eve with...
 - your family.
 - your friends.
- Your friend's birthday and your cousin's birthday fall on the same date. Would you...
 - go to your cousin's birthday party?
 - go to your friend's birthday party?
- Most of your holidays and picnics you spend with...
 - your family.
 - your friends.
- Do you know your cousins?
 - I know them very well.
 - I can recognize them.
- In case of any great news you first inform...
 - your relatives.
 - your friends.
- If you have any problems you share them with...
 - your family.
 - your friends.
- What is your opinion about your relatives?
 - They are a good support.
 - They are a nuisance.