

Letter to Editor: Friendship Worksheet

Useful Language

Match the expressions on the left with the simple definition on the right.

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. My best friend and I have <u>been through thick and thin together.</u>2. My best friend is such <u>a good laugh.</u>3. My best friend and I are <u>like brothers/sisters from another mother.</u>4. I can always <u>turn to</u> my friend for advice or help.5. My best friend always <u>stands up for me</u> in an argument or fight.6. I know that my best friend <u>has got my back</u> if there's any trouble.7. If I tell my friend a secret, I know that their <u>lips are sealed.</u> They would never <u>spill the beans.</u>8. My best friend is definitely not <u>a fair-weather friend.</u>9. My best friend and I are <u>lifelong friends.</u>10. My best friend from primary school and I have <u>drifted apart.</u>11. My best friend and I are <u>joined at the hip.</u>12. I often <u>crash at</u> my friend's house at the weekend.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. My best friend isn't a person who is only around for the good times.b. My best friend from primary and I have slowly lost contact.c. My best friend is very trustworthy and good at keeping secrets.d. My best friend and I spend almost all our time together.e. My best friend is very funny.f. I often sleep over at my friend's house.g. My best friend and I have experienced both good and bad times together.h. I know my best friend will defend me if anything bad happens.i. My best friend always defends me in a fight or argument.j. My best friend and I are very similar.k. If I have a problem, I can always talk about it with my friend.l. My best friend and I have been friends for a very long time.
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Complete the sentences

Try to complete the sentences from memory

1. I won't tell anyone, my lips _____.
2. You're such a _____, as soon as there are any problems you disappear!
3. I always see those two together, they're practically joined _____.
4. Jenifer spilt _____ to everyone at the party about Sarah and Johnny.
5. Don't worry, if they start a fight I've _____. I'll definitely stand _____.
6. Freddy was there for me when my dog died but also when I got my dream job, we've been _____.
7. I don't know what happened, we were best friends at uni but I guess we just _____.

8. It's getting late and I can't be bothered to walk home can I _____ yours tonight?
9. I always have so much fun with Tony, he's such a _____.
10. We're so similar it's ridiculous we're like _____.

Describe a close friend to your partner using as many expressions as you can.

Task

You have read an article in an international magazine on the topic of friendship. The magazine has asked readers to respond with their views. You decide to write a letter. In your letter you should briefly describe a special friendship that is important to you and assess the difficulties of maintaining friendships over time and in changing circumstances. Write your letter in **280-320 words**.

Letter to Editor

Style: depends on topic and target reader, in this case: neutral to informal, an article dressed up as a letter.

Fixed opening and closing:

Opening:

Dear,

I am writing in r..... to your call for letters on the topic of friendship. This b..... a topic which is very close to my h....., I felt c..... to write in and p..... my views a.....

Closing:

I hope that my c..... to the conversation is ap..... and I look f..... to h..... other readers' v..... on the m.....

Yours f.....,

Key

1. G
2. E
3. J
4. K
5. I
6. H
7. C
8. A
9. L
10. B
11. D
12. F

Sentence completion

1. Are sealed
2. Fair-weather friend
3. At the hip
4. The beans
5. Got your back, up for you
6. Through thick and thin together
7. Drifted apart
8. Crash at
9. Good laugh
10. Brothers/sisters from another mother

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your call for letters on the topic of friendship. This being a topic which is very close to my heart, I felt compelled to write in and put my views across.

Closing

I hope that my contribution to the conversation is appreciated and I look forward to hearing other readers' views on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Full name