

THEME 2 FRIENDSHIP SUMMARY

QUALITIES OF A GOOD FRIEND

A good friend...

1. is honest.
2. is thoughtful.
3. is there to listen.
4. is reliable.
5. is generous.
6. is someone whose company you like.
7. makes you smile.
8. makes things easy for you.
9. comforts you when you cry.
10. is loyal.
11. doesn't judge you.
12. is kind and respectful.
13. is supportive.

Statements

- She has always told me the truth.
- He has always called me on my birthdays.
- Mary takes time to listen to me.
- John never gives away our secrets.
- He lent us his car for the entire weekend.
- Spending time with John is relaxing.
- He makes me feel happy
- She helps in every situation
- He makes me feel good when I am sad
- She never leaves you
- He tries to understand me
- He is never rude
- She always backs me up

DESCRIBING A PERSON

1. Paragraph : General Information (Who is he/she?)

Name, City, Age, Country, Nationality, Job

Age : Baby, Young, Teenager, Middle Aged, Old, In her fifties, In his thirties

2. Paragraph : Physical Appearance (What does he/she look like?)

Height : Short, Of medium height, Tall

Weight/Build : Thin, Slim, Of medium weight, Plump, Fat, Overweight Well-built, Muscular

Hair : Short, Long, Shoulder Dark, Blond, Red, Straight, Curly, Wavy

Face : Oval, Thin, Chubby

Eyes : Big, Small, Slanting, Hazel, Brown, Black, Green, Blue

Skin : Fair, Dark, Blonde, Black

Other Features : Tattoo, Scar, Freckles, Dimples, Acne, Glasses

3. Paragraph : Character (What is he/she like?)

Aggressive& Calm	Ambitious&Laidback	Brave&Cowardly	Cheerful& Sad	Violent&Peaceful,
Dangerous&Safe	Friendly&Unfriendly	Generous&Stingy	Hardworking&Lazy	Naughty&Well-behaved
Outgoing&Shy	Punctual&Unpunctual	Strict&Light	Serious&Humorous,	Wise&Foolish
empathetic	respectful	supportive	loyal	considerate
praising	tolerant	apathetic	distracted	active
responsible	cooperative	sensitive	judgmental	

4. Paragraph : Likes&Dislikes (What does he/she like?)

Free time activities

Playing football, basketball, volleyball, handball

Playing the flute, the piano, the violin, the guitar

Reading books, newspaper, magazine

Drawing, Listening to music, Watching TV, Gardening, Studying, Diving, Swimming, Sunbathing, Writing etc

5. Paragraph : Your Feelings about him/her (How do you feel about him/her?)

Exercise 1 : Bring together the words in the table to create phrases/collocations related to describing people

looking	middle	stocky	long	round
over	haired	well	faced	good
mixed	complexion	red	aged	build
dressed	race	weight	legged	tanned

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Exercise 2 : Match the questions to their answers.

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| 1. How is he? | a. He's in his thirties. |
| 2. What's her hair like? | b. She's tall and of medium weight. |
| 3. What kind of clothes does she usually wear? | c. He's of medium height. |
| 4. How old is he? | d. He's talkative and cheerful. |
| 5. What color is her hair? | e. Brown. |
| 6. How tall is he? | f. It's sort of shoulder length, fair and curly. |
| 7. What does she look like? | g. Not casual. Smart. She has a lot of style. |
| 8. What's he like? | h. He's fine. |

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____

Exercise 3 : Read the adjectives below and place them into the correct category.

jealous	funny	stingy	generous	cheerful	absent-minded	honest
humble	disappointed	kind	clever	considerate	ambitious	modest
faithful	stubborn	snobby	careless	decisive	lazy	disagreeable
obedient	patient	cautious	forgetful	dependable	cruel	reliable
tactful	boring	sentimental	easy-going	relaxed	polite	

Favorable Adjectives

Unfavorable Adjectives

Exercise 4 : Read and circle the correct adjective that goes best in each sentence.

1. My friend never gets angry. She is always **aggressive/good-tempered**.
2. Our teacher is very **cheerful/talkative**. He tries to make us happy all the time.
3. Jane can do anything for you. She's the most **selfish/self-sacrificing** person I've ever met.
4. Jim isn't **sensible/sensitive** at all. He always reacts with his emotions.
5. That singer is very **sympathetic/popular**. He has a great number of followers on social media.
6. Suzy lacks generosity. She is so **mean/thoughtful**.
7. I have a **helpful/stingy** friend. She's there whenever I need her.
8. Our neighbors are so **tolerant/annoying**. They don't mind when we make noise at home.
9. My mother is a very **sensitive/cheerful** person. She can easily cry.

A GOOD FRIEND

When it comes to talking about the qualities of a good friend, most will mention common favorable adjectives like honest, respectful, generous, thoughtful, kind, empathetic, etc. This is right but in my opinion, there are some qualities which are more important for a good friendship.

First of all, a friend must be sincere. Without sincerity, a friendship cannot last long or turn out to be a good friendship as pretensions or insincere mannerisms will end up in disappointment. Sincerity on its own is not enough but without sincerity, a true sharing, which is essential for a good friendship, cannot be achieved.

Secondly, reliability is a must for a good friendship. I believe that one cannot consider becoming even an acquaintance with someone who is not reliable, let alone good friends. After all, reliability is not only essential for a good friendship but also for a relationship. If you do not rely on someone, you can share almost nothing with them.

Another important factor is loyalty. Only loyal ones out of all friends will turn out to be good ones in time. Friendship is a journey in life and this journey can never be without problems or barriers. Loyal ones will not leave you half way through. Therefore, a good friendship cannot be maintained without being loyal.

In conclusion, a good friendship requires various good personal qualities but I believe that some of them such as being sincere, reliable and loyal are more important. Without those, we cannot talk about a good friendship.

SISTERS

Sue : Who is that girl over there, Jane?

Jane : That one? That's my sister, Sandra.

Sue : Your sister?

Jane : Yes, and that's her best friend, Lucy. The pretty girl with long, blond hair.

Sue : Oh, right. So, you've got a sister?

Jane : No, I've got two sisters. Sandra and Donna.

Sue : Really? So, how old is Donna?

Jane : Sandra and Donna are twins, they're both 15.

Sue : 15, um... and does Donna look like Sandra?

Jane : They're exactly the same! They're both tall and thin. They've both got short brown hair, green eyes and big ears!

Sue : They're not big, I think they're cute.

And... What about their personalities?

Jane : Oh, you can't believe this but they are totally different in personality.

Sue : In what ways?

Jane : For example, Sandra is extroverted, talkative and easy-going whereas Donna is introverted, shy and bad-tempered. Sandra is mature while Donna generally behaves like a child.

Sue : That is so interesting. I fancy meeting them.

1. Who are the girls talking about?

2. What does Lucy look like?

3. How old is Sandra?

4. Does Sandra resemble her twin?

5. In what way is Sandra different from Donna? _____