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A relationship between friends is called a friendship. Friendships happen throughout all stages of people's lives and they can bring lots of happiness.



How Can Someone Be a Good Friend?

Asking questions and being a good listener are important in friendship. Sharing, being kind and saying nice things to your friends are also ways of showing that you care. As people grow, you may make new friends but that doesn't mean that you need to forget about your old friendships.

Why Are Friendships Important?

Friends can make you laugh and stop you from feeling lonely. Forming friendships with different people also helps us to learn about different cultures and religions.

Falling Out with Friends

Friends may fall out with each other at times but it is important that they work through any issues together and to say how they are feeling. It can be difficult to sort out an argument if someone is angry and it may be better to talk about it when they are calmer. Friends may not always agree with each other's points of view but they should try to listen to each other to find a solution.

Making New Friends

Anya was very upset. Every lunchtime, she would play with her skipping rope but she couldn't find it anywhere. Laura saw that Anya was upset.

She didn't usually play with Anya but she hated seeing her sad so she invited her to play with her and her friends.

Anya was quite shy and didn't know Laura very well but she decided to play.

Laura and Anya had fun together and made each other laugh.

From that day, Laura and Anya played together every day at school.



It taught both girls to make an effort with people they didn't normally talk to as they never would have become friends if Laura hadn't invited Anya to play.



Playtime

Sami and Oscar were good friends but they were both very competitive. One breaktime, Sami and Oscar were on opposite teams when they were playing football and Sami's team won.



"I'm not playing football anymore!" Oscar shouted as he stormed off.

Sami thought it was best to let Oscar calm down. Later on, Sami talked to Oscar.

"I really don't want us to fall out over a game. Either of our teams could have won," Sami explained.

Oscar took a deep breath and apologised, "I'm sorry. It was my fault. I'll try my best not to do that again."



Sami asked, "Why don't we play something else today?" Oscar smiled and the boys walked towards the climbing frame together.



Questions

1. What couldn't Anya find? Tick one.

- ☐ book
- ☐ ball
- ☐ doll
- ☐ skipping rope

2. Draw **four** lines and match each sub-heading to the corresponding sentence from that section.

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3. What could someone do if they have fallen out with a friend? Tick **three**.

- ☐ Listen to how their friend is feeling.
- ☐ Understand that you may not agree with each other.
- ☐ Talk about it when you are calm.
- ☐ Make different friends and forget about your old friends.

4. Draw **four** lines and match the words with the same meaning.

argument

problem

friend

yelled

issue

disagreement

shouted

companion

5. Look at the sub-heading **Playtime**.

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'said sorry'.

6. Fill in the missing words.

One _____, Sami and Oscar were on _____ teams
when they were playing football and Sami's team won.

7. What is the most important thing to you when you are making friends?

8. ... **Oscar shouted as he stormed off**.

Why do you think the author used the phrase 'stormed off'?
