

1 Yourself and others

Reading Part 3

Look at the exam task. Answer these questions.

- 1 What's the text about?
- 2 How many people can you choose from?
- 3 What must you find?
- 4 How many questions are there?

Now do the exam task.

Exam task

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their friends. For questions 1–15, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

- earns less money than their friend?
- works in the same place as their friend?
- believes their friendship may not last?
- says the two of them did not like each other at first?
- denies that their friend is bossy?
- often goes to their friend's house?
- has had a similar upbringing to their friend's?
- once fell out with their friend?
- says their friend is unpredictable?
- shares a hobby with their friend?
- says their friend has a good sense of humour?
- has a friend who lives a long way from them?
- describes their friend as rather shy?
- has a friend who is very optimistic?
- has a very ambitious friend?

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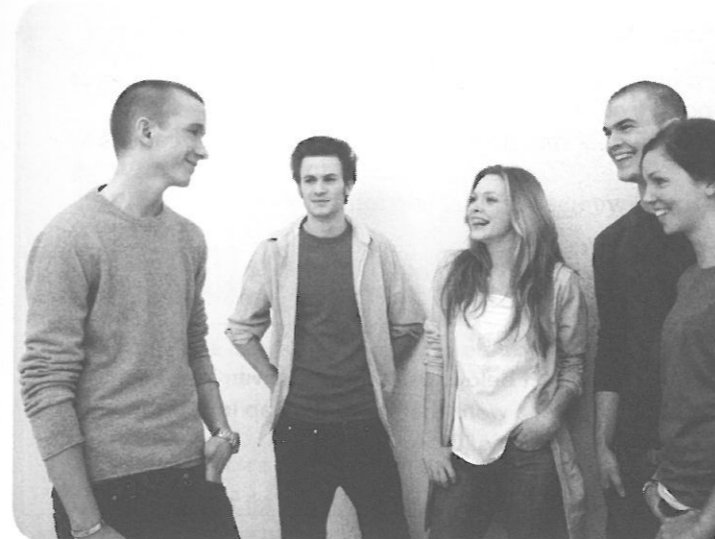
The best of friends

A Nadia Hassan has been friends with Amina since they were fourteen. 'We were born in the same month,' says Nadia, 'and we grew up in the same small town, though the funny thing is we didn't actually know each other until we both took up horse riding, something we still enjoy. Nowadays Amina and I are at college together here in the city and I call in at her place several times a week.' There are, according to Nadia, some differences between them. 'Whereas I tend to be a worrier, always expecting the worst to happen, Amina is the complete opposite. Maybe between us we just about strike the right balance. Though of course having such different ways of looking at the same thing can lead to tensions, and a couple of years ago we actually stopped speaking for a while, but that didn't last long.'

B Liam Doherty first met his friend Marc when they were both doing summer jobs at a seaside hotel. Marc has since moved to a remote part of the country, but they still keep in touch by email and chatting online. 'He comes round to my house whenever he's in town, which is actually quite often. He's got a good job and can travel wherever he likes every weekend, which is something I wish I could afford to do on my salary. But he's different from me in that he's always had this strong desire for success in life whereas I prefer to take things a bit easier, with plenty of time for hobbies like hill-walking and reading. I sometimes wonder whether the differences between Marc and me will eventually lead to us losing touch and I suppose that one day we might, but I very much hope that won't happen for a long time yet.'

C Maxim Salenko has been friendly with Andriy ever since they were at primary school. 'We grew up in much the same kind of family environment and we usually sat together at school and enjoyed the same sports, though in some ways he's not like me. I'm fairly quiet, perhaps a little shy at times, but Andriy is always a fun guy to be with,' says Maxim. 'He has lots of great ideas and you never quite know what he's going to do next. He can be noisy and some people say he tries to tell everyone what to do, but I don't think that's true. He just likes to make sure everyone else has a good time, too. Once or twice I've felt a bit irritated by things he said but that was probably because I was in a bad mood at the time, and I don't think he even noticed I was annoyed.'

D Camille Leroy and her friend Lara have known each other for three years now. 'We're from different backgrounds,' says Camille, 'and to be honest when we were introduced at a party we didn't hit it off at all. She seemed a bit unfriendly and it took quite a while before I realised that she was in fact lacking in self-confidence, particularly when meeting new people. To some extent she still is, but once you get to know Lara you realise what good company she is. She always has interesting things to say, and she tells some great jokes, too. I always look forward to seeing her downstairs in the canteen when we go off duty, and also later on the bus home because nowadays she lives just round the corner from me. She moved there to be close to the golf course, and I'm thinking of taking it up too.'



Grammar

Present tenses

Some of these sentences written by exam candidates contain mistakes. Correct any mistakes, using the present simple or present continuous.

- 1 I'm belonging to a tennis club and it is my favourite sport.
- 2 I'll pick you up from the airport when you'll arrive at 9.30.
- 3 I'm having a lovely holiday here on the island.
- 4 Every day we are spending about eight hours at work.
- 5 When you will receive my letter, please tell Mary about this.
- 6 Pablo is needing to talk to somebody, but he never calls me.
- 7 Nowadays it becomes more and more important to have a good education.
- 8 I promise that I'll phone you tonight when I get home.
- 9 I need to earn some money, and this is the main reason why I apply for this job.
- 10 They are the kind of people who are driving to work every day in big cars.

Listening Part 1

Look at questions 1–4 in the exam task. Answer these questions.

- 1 How many speakers will you hear?
- 2 Will they be female or male voices?
- 3 What is the situation?
- 4 What is the focus, e.g. place, opinion, of the question?

1.02 Now listen and do the exam task.

Exam task

You will hear people talking in four different situations (in the exam you will hear eight). For questions 1–4, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear a teenager talking about her new bedroom. What does she like about it?
 - A the way it is decorated
 - B the furniture in it
 - C its size and shape
- 2 You overhear a conversation on a bus. Where is the man going first?
 - A to a shop
 - B to the library
 - C to work
- 3 You hear a man talking on the phone. Why is he calling?
 - A to apologise
 - B to ask for information
 - C to complain
- 4 You hear part of an interview with a businesswoman. What does she do?
 - A She hires out bicycles.
 - B She hires out cars.
 - C She hires out motorcycles.