



ENGLISH SUMMER PRACTICE

FRIENDSHIP QUIZ

1A. Do the exercise before you read.

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... mates | a. behave (in a certain way) towards someone |
| 2..... be away | b. timid, nervous or embarrassed when with other people |
| 3..... coming up | c. be on a trip, not at home |
| 4..... shy | d. friends |
| 5..... take advantage of someone | e. use someone unfairly, especially if they are trying to be nice or help you |
| 6..... treat someone (well/badly/etc.) | f. happening soon |



You might think you are the perfect friend, but are you really? What do your mates think of you? Take this short test to find out.



1 You are at home on a Saturday afternoon when your friend phones you and says he/she is in the town centre and has spent all his/her money and feels really ill. His/her family is away for the day. You ...

- a go as quickly as you can to help your friend, even though it will take a long time on the bus to get into town.
- b tell your friend to find a taxi and come to your house. You think your parents will probably pay, but it might be very hard to find a taxi.
- c recommend that your friend walks home. The fresh air will make your friend feel better.

2 Your friend has been having lots of problems with maths, but you find it easy. In a couple of weeks you have some important maths tests and your friend has asked you for some help. You ...

- a sit down with your friend and organise some times for extra maths classes together, even though this will mean you have less time to study.
- b show your friend some online videos which explain the important points and some questions with answers.
- c tell your friend that he/she can copy from you in the maths test; you'll make sure he/she can see your paper.

3 You and your friend are both interested in going out with the same person. You know your friend has really liked this person for a long time, but he/she seems to prefer you. You ...

- a invite the person out with a group of people, then make sure your friend has a chance to talk a lot to him/her.
- b tell your friend that if he/she doesn't invite the person out, you will, even though you know he/she is too shy to make a move.
- c ask the person out and don't tell your friend. All's fair in love and war!

4 Your friend has just completely changed his/her image: a new hairstyle in blue and red and new clothes in terrible colours. Now he/she wants you to go with him/her to get some tattoos and piercings done. You ...

- a suggest that he/she thinks carefully before having a tattoo or piercing done – tattoos are very hard to remove if you change your mind.
- b say that you'll go along with him/her for a laugh, but you don't want anything done yourself.
- c tell him/her what you think of his/her new look (that it's awful), and that he/she should get professional advice before doing anything else.

Answers

Mostly As – you are a great friend, but don't let your mates take advantage of you.

Mostly Bs – you're a pretty good friend, but not reliable in a real emergency.

Mostly Cs – with friends like you, who needs enemies? You need to treat your friends the way you'd like them to treat you.

1B. Check your understanding.

Are these sentences true or false?

1. You can do this quiz to find out if you are a good friend.

TRUE FALSE

2. In question 1, your friend can easily get a bus or taxi.

TRUE FALSE

3. In question 2, you can give your friend maths classes without causing difficulties for yourself.

TRUE FALSE

4. In question 3, you think the person you like would prefer to go out with your friend.

TRUE FALSE

5. In question 4, your friend is thinking about a permanent change to his/her body.

TRUE FALSE

6. If you answer mostly Cs, you are not a good friend.

TRUE FALSE

1C. Multiple choice. Circle a, b or c for these sentences.

1. In question 1, which answer is the most helpful for your friend? A B C

2. Which answer in question 1 sounds good but probably won't work? A B C

3. In question 2, which answer involves the biggest risk for you? A B C

4. Which answer in question 2 takes the least amount of your time? A B C

5. In question 3, which answer has an expression that says it's OK to behave badly if you are in love? A B C

6. Which answer in question 3 is the best for your friend? A B C

7. In question 4, which answer is the most honest? A B C

8. Which answer in question 4 is the least responsible? A B C

1D. Discussion.

Are you a good friend?

How did you do in the quiz? Do you think your result is accurate?

SOMETHING STRANGE FALLS FROM THE SKY



2A. Read the passage.

Mikayla Shears was riding her horse across the fields at the farm where she and her parents live in Australia last November, when she saw something very strange on the ground. 'At first I was afraid to touch it!', she said. "I thought something may jump out of it!'. It was a 22 kilo ball made of lots of different metal parts.

Mikayla called her dad and he came in a truck and drove it back to the farmhouse. People don't drive hundreds of miles across the desert area to leave a metal ball in the middle of a field. 'It dropped from above!', he said. 'I was sure of that!'.

Mikayla's father emailed a photo of the ball to the Planet Museum. He was told that the ball was possibly part of a rocket. Two days earlier a rocket was used to fly an American satellite into space to study the sun. Most of it fell into the sea after the satellite was safely in the space, but maybe this part didn't. 'I know a lot about cows and sheep', Mikayla said, 'but I don't know anything about rockets. I want to find out more about them now. Perhaps I'll be an astronaut one day!'.

2B. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? If there is not enough information to answer, choose DOESN'T SAY.

a. Mikayla saw something that looked very unusual in the field.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

b. When Mikayla touched the ball, a piece of it broke off.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

c. Mikayla drove back to collect the metal ball in her father's truck.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

d. Mikayla's dad was certain that the ball fell from the sky.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

e. An American from the Planet Museum emailed Mikayla.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

f. We know that the metal ball came from another planet in space.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

g. Mikayla is thinking about being an astronaut in the future!

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

A TRAVEL BLOG



3A. Read Martha's post.

Hi everyone!

You'll never guess where I'm writing to you from! I'm in my cabin aboard the Royal Scotsman Train! I've won two return tickets (for my boyfriend and me) for a five-day journey around the Scottish Highlands!

My adventure started yesterday afternoon in Edinburgh Waverley Station. As soon as we got to the station, we went to the lounge where they offered us champagne. We are only 36 passengers. When we got on the train, a porter had already put our luggage in our cabin. You can't imagine how beautiful the cabin is! It's even got a private bathroom with a shower. The train isn't very big, it has only got a total of nine carriages. There are five sleeping cars, two dining cars, an observation car and a service car.

Yesterday we spent most of the day in the observation car, where my boyfriend took some fantastic pictures. Later in the evening we had dinner with some of the other passengers and then we went to our cabins. We actually slept very well because the train doesn't travel at night.

This morning, as the train was departing, we had a wonderful continental breakfast in the dining car. The first stop on the itinerary today was Muir of Ord where we visited a whisky distillery and then we moved on to Plockton. There we went on a boat trip and saw some wild seals. It was all fantastic but I really can't wait for Day Four of the trip because we are visiting Glamis Castle: you know, people say it is haunted!

I have to go now because there is a formal dinner tonight and I want to look great.

Bye

Martha

3B. Find the English word in the text.

a. biglietto di andata e ritorno	b. itinerario
c. Vagone letto	d. Vagone ristorante
e. facchino	f. sala d'attesa
g. carrozza panoramica	h. scompartimento
i. foca	j. infestato dagli spiriti

3C. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

- Where is Martha writing from?
- Why is she there?
- Where did the train leave from?
- Does the train travel at night?
- What did she visit on her first stop?
- What does Martha want to see?

4A. Read Anthony's post.



Hi!

I'm back. I've just been on an amazing holiday to the Great Sand Sea in Egypt! I flew to Cairo and met our guide, Jusef, and our driver Abdallah. First, we travelled in two jeeps across the desert to the oasis of Siwa, where we stopped to make a camp. We sat outside and saw the stars over the desert. Even if we were tired, it was really beautiful. The next day we visited the two famous temples in Siwa, which were built by Alexander the Great: they were wonderful. Then we left Siwa and drove out to the Great Sand Sea: this is an amazing desert – it's the same size as England – which looked exactly like the sea. It was windy and the sand changed shape and colour all the time. We 'sailed' up and down in our jeep to the next oasis. It was very beautiful but very strange, I had a wonderful holiday. I didn't know the desert was so interesting.

Bye for now!

Antony

4B. Write the questions about Antony.

a. Where _____ now?

At home.

b. How _____ ?

By plane.

c. Who _____ ?

His guide, Jusef and his driver, Abdallah.

d. Where _____ ?

To the oasis of Siwa.

e. What _____ ?

The stars over the desert.

f. What _____ ?

The temples built by Alexander the Great.

g. _____ ?

Yes, it is very big. The same size as England.

h. _____ ?

Yes, he had a wonderful holiday.

4C. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!!!

Choose your dream holiday destination (a place you've been to) and imagine you are on holiday there.

Post your comment (about 100 words) on the blog describing the place and saying what you are doing.

5. GENERAL REVISION. Choose the correct option.

1. John is in bed: _____
A) he ill B) he is ill C) he has ill
2. What _____ ?
A) mean this word B) does mean this word C) does this word mean
3. Please be quiet: _____
A) I'm working B) I work C) I working
4. Last week John _____ his leg.
A) fell and broke B) felt and broken C) fallen and broken
5. X: _____ last week? Y: I went to a concert.
A) What did you see B) What did you do C) Where have you gone
6. While he _____ down the road, he met Angela.
A) was walking B) has walked C) walks
7. Sandra _____ him for ten years.
A) is knowing B) knows C) has known
8. X: I saw the new Indiana Jones film at the Odeon yesterday. Y: Really! I haven't seen it _____!
A) yet B) already C) just
9. Every old castle has _____ strange stories.
A) its B) their C) his
10. That isn't your dictionary. It's _____ .
A) mine B) my C) her
11. She's _____ her brother.
A) much more tall that B) much taller than C) much more tall than
12. My grandfather is _____ person in my family.
A) the older B) the most old C) the oldest
13. There isn't _____ milk left for breakfast.
A) some B) any C) a
14. I've only got _____ money. I can't buy that expensive CD.
A) much B) a little C) a few
15. I can't see Liz. She's standing _____ that big tree.
A) on B) behind C) between
16. I am going to Dublin _____ Christmas.
A) at B) on C) in
17. She didn't have a good time at the party because she didn't know _____ there.
A) anyone B) someone C) nobody
18. I _____ my homework because I left my book in school.
A) can't to do B) can't do C) don't make
- That's the man _____ wanted to speak to you.
A) who B) which C) what
19. X: _____ does it take to get to school? Y: Ten minutes on foot.

- A) How B) How many time C) How long
20. Be careful! You _____ those glasses!
A) are broken B) break C) are going to break
21. X: I haven't got any milk! Y: Don't worry. I'm going to the supermarket this afternoon. I _____ some for you if you like.
A) get B) 'll get C) am getting
22. Andrew _____ tennis tomorrow.
A) is playing B) play C) plays
23. X: _____ to the cinema? Y: No, thanks. I must study for a test tomorrow. A) Would you like going B) Would you like to go C) Are you liking to go
24. She has gone to the baker's _____ some bread.
A) for buying B) to buy C) for to buy
25. I _____ clean the windows: they are very dirty.
A) must B) mustn't C) don't have to
26. _____ going to the seaside this weekend?
A) How about B) Let's C) Why don't we
27. X: What's your best friend like? Y: .
A) He's quiet and shy B) He likes watching films C) Yes, I like him
28. Have you met _____ ?
A) the wife of Mr Kelly B) Mr Kelly wife C) Mr Kelly's wife
29. X: _____ on television tonight? Y: Nothing! Why don't we rent a video?
A) What do they give B) What's C) Is there a film
30. He didn't have any lunch _____ he was very hungry when he got home.
A) than B) so C) but
31. Helen speaks English, _____ ?
A) doesn't she B) can't she C) isn't she
32. John's birthday party was really _____!
A) bored B) boring C) well
33. Can you _____ my dog for the weekend? I'm going to London!
A) look after B) look out C) look for
34. Before writing the answer, read the question _____!
A) attention B) careful C) carefully
35. Hello Karen. I can't stop to talk, I'm _____!
A) early B) in a hurry C) in late
36. He was hungry and ate four _____ of toast and marmalade for breakfast.
A) bars B) slices C) piece

7. Write this conversation.

Peter	Clara
- saluta e chiedi come sta.	- rispondi che stai bene.
- chiedi dove è stata in vacanza.	- rispondi che in luglio sei andata al mare.
- chiedi con chi è andato	- rispondi che sei andata al mare con la tua famiglia e alcuni amici
- chiedi se gli è piaciuto	- rispondi di sì anche se il tempo non era molto bello. Chiedi dove è andato in vacanza.
- rispondi che sei andato a Madrid perché tuo fratello abita lì	- chiedi quanto tempo c'è stato
- rispondi che ci sei stato due settimane	- chiedi se ha visitato il museo del Prado
- rispondi di sì e aggiungi che hai conosciuto molte persone interessanti	

Suona la campanella, è ora di andare in classe

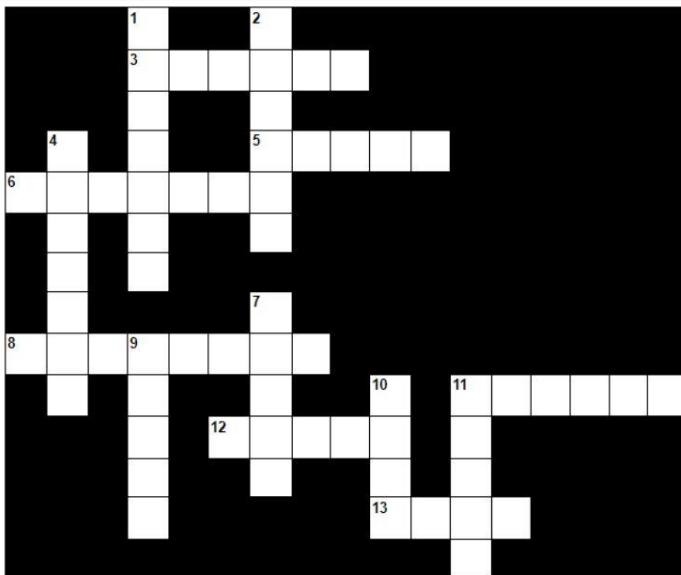
Peter	Clara
	- chiedi che cosa farà il prossimo fine settimana
- rispondi che farai una festa a casa. Chiedigli di venire.	- Di che è una bella idea. Saluta.
- saluta	

8. Mixed sentences – HOLIDAYS & TOURISM

Rearrange the words to make complete sentences.

1. we're coach to airport the going by
2. seaside on a went trip to the they
3. year of tourists millions France every visit
4. was the bad trip the because cancelled of weather
5. spent beach she day sunbathing the on the
6. countries I enjoy about the cultures learning of other
7. very our was clean and accommodation comfortable
8. hired a for the they weekend car
9. before the you in two check hours flight should
10. Terminal 1 the to New flight York from leaves

9. Do the crosswords.



Across:

3. To study again something you have already learned, in preparation for an exam.
5. A kind of teacher who works with one student or a small group, either at a British college or university.
6. A formal talk on a serious or specialist subject given to a group of people, especially students.
8. Someone who teaches at a college or university.
11. The past participle of speak.
12. To make marks which represent letters, words or numbers on a surface, such as paper or a computer screen, using a pen, pencil or keyboard.
13. To obtain meaning by looking at words or symbols.

Down:

1. The past participle of write.
2. To pay attention to someone or something in order to hear them.
4. Someone whose job is to teach in a school.
7. To gain knowledge or skill in a new subject or activity.
9. To give someone knowledge or to instruct or train someone.
10. To receive or become aware of a sound using your ears.
11. To say words, to use the voice, or to have a conversation with someone.

AND FINALLY TO BREAK THE ICE....

10. During the first English lesson you will be asked to present yourself ORALLY. Think of some original and amusing facts about yourself and be ready to add further details on the spot!