



Live Lesson Notes

Friends

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1. Useful Links

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IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Friends

Fill in the gap with one or two words

1. I know a lot of people, but I only have a few _____ who I really trust.
2. Do you find it easy to _____ friends?

Answers at bottom of PDF

Friend (n.)

For a friend, we can also say

- a pal
- a buddy (US)
- a mate (UK)
- my bestie = my best friend

An acquaintance = someone you know (but not really close enough to be a friend)

Friendship (n. Uncountable)

'Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything'

Muhammad Ali

Friendly (adj.)

= kind, pleasant

A **friendly** (n.)

= a game (usually a competitive one) played for enjoyment, not to win

Man. United have a friendly next week against Liverpool

A **child-friendly** park

A **family-friendly** restaurant

A **user-friendly** website

Collocations:

_____ friend

best / bosom / close / good / family

A good friend **of mine**

A **long-standing** friend

A **fair weather** friend

= a person stops being a friend when you have problems

I like to **make friends**

I have forged a lot friendships

= to make deep or strong friendships

You are not going to **win any friends** saying offensive things like that

To win a friend is more about making a strategic friend, doing nice things to get someone to like you.

I have a *close* **circle of friends**

I just have a **handful of close friends**

I am pretty shy and introverted, so I just handful of close friends

I have a *wide* **circle of friends**

I am quite a gregarious (extroverted) person so I have a wide circle of friends

Activities with Friends

What do you get up to with your friends?

Here are some simple templates you can use to answer this question;

We often / sometimes /occasionally _____

We will _____ (for a habit)

We tend to _____

We often go to the cinema

We will go for a coffee most mornings

We tend to meet up for a drink at the weekend.

Common Phrasal Verbs

To hang out *with friends*

To hang out *together*

= to meet and spend time together

To meet up *with friends*

To catch up *with a friend*

To catch up *with each other*

To catch up on (the latest news)

= to meet and talk about the latest news in your lives

To fall out *with someone*

= to stop being friends (usually for a short time)

To make up *with someone*

= to become friends again

Listening Bingo

Listen to this person talking about activities he does with friends.

<https://on.soundcloud.com/o2aC8>

Mark a box when you hear the exact words in it.

If you mark 3 in a row, type BINGO + the words in the 3 boxes

Mate	Hang out	Friendly
Friend	Catch up on	Meet up
Typically	Personal	Circle of friends

Answers at bottom of PDF

Full script on next page

Listening Bingo - Full Script

When I was a teenager, I used to **hang out with** a bunch of friends, and we would sit in the park or maybe go for a coffee together. There'd be a lot of banter and we would tell each other stories or jokes.

Nowadays though, I tend to **meet up with** just one or two friends and, you know, we will **catch up on** the latest happenings and we might confide in each other, you know maybe share something more **personal** about our lives or family.

Notice the tenses

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Q&A

How is the GOLD course different from Youtube videos?

- It is a structured course
- No adverts
- No distractions
- You can join Speaking Practice Breakout Rooms
- You can join a Private Community

How long does it take?

- You study at your own pace
- Pay once and get the course forever
- Most students take 3 to 4 months
- But you can take 2 years or more....

What is the Price?

120USD

- You only pay once
- You get it forever and access to everything forever.
- There is no risk with the 30-day money back guarantee.

Will it also teach me other skills like grammar?

It's a **speaking** course including

- Fluency
- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Pronunciation

It will *not* develop the skills of Writing or Reading

Are there one-on-one classes with Keith?

Most of the course is self-study, so there is no one-on-one speaking practice with Keith.

There is weekly small group speaking practice with the other students.

Is it only for IELTS or also suitable to improve my overall speaking?

- The main focus of the course is too improve your overall speaking skills. This is the best way to prepare for IELTS Speaking.
- If you are not taking IELTS, you can ignore the videos with strategies, tips and techniques for the test.
- There are plenty of people on the course who are not preparing for IELTS.

IELTS Speaking Idioms to talk about Friends

The following idiomatic expressions can be used to talk about friends as well as most relationships.

1. The following all mean to have a very good relationship

- We get on **like a house on fire**
 - We **just click**
 - We are **on the same wavelength**
 - We **get on famously**
 - We **speak the same language**
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2. The following all mean to know someone very well

- I know him **back to front**
- I know her **inside out**
- I know them **like the back of my hand**

She **reads me like a book** = *she knows what I am thinking*

3. The following mean that you may not always agree

- We **don't see eye to eye**
- Sometimes we are **on opposite sides of the fence**
- Sometimes we are **on different sides of the fence**

IELTS Speaking Question:

Do you have many friends?

1. Watch the answer to the following question and tell me how many friends he has!



Answers at bottom of PDF

2. Watch again and note any useful phrases!

Useful phrases on next page

IELTS Speaking Question: Useful Phrases

Do I have many friends?

Well, I know a lot of people, but I would call **the vast majority** (=most of) of them **acquaintances**.

To be honest, I only have **a handful of close friends**, and then only one or two **who I click with** and maybe **people who know me inside out**.

Of course, friendships are really important, and **I don't think it matters** (=it's not important) how many friends you have, **so long as** (=on the condition that) you have someone **to turn to** (=to go and talk to) and **share the good times** and the bad times **with**.

ANSWERS

IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Friends

Fill in the gap with one or two words

1. I know a lot of people, but I only have a few **_friends / _close friends_ / soulmates_ / of them_** who I really trust.
2. Do you find it easy to **_make_ / make some_ / find_** friends?

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