

## ***Live Lesson Notes***

# **Friends**

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### What you will learn

1. Essential Vocabulary
2. IELTS Speaking Part 3 Tips
3. Listening skills
4. Idioms

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# IELTS Vocabulary Friends

*Here is some essential vocabulary you can start using to talk about this topic of friends.*

## Word Families:

Can you fill in the gaps?

Person	Noun	Adjective	Verb
Friend			

## Answers at the bottom of the PDF

*Another good way to develop your vocabulary is to be aware of different words that use the same suffix.*

*A suffix is just the end part of a word.*

*Common suffixes are*

- ship
- able
- it
- ness
- age
- ment

## Friend-ship    -ship (suffix)

*Other common words with this suffix*

Companionship = *feeling of friendship, being close to someone*

Sportsmanship = *being a fair and generous sports player*

Workmanship = *good quality work, often crafts or manual work*

Listenership = *the people listening, the audience*

Readership = *the people reading, the audience*

Leadership = *quality of leading others*

Hardship = *difficult times*

For a friend, we can also say

- a pal,
- a buddy (US),
- mate (UK)

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

## **Collocations**

best / bosom / close / long-standing FRIEND

I like to **make friends**

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

*To win a friend is more about making a strategic friend. Getting to know someone who can help you in life.*

I have a close **circle of friends**

## **IELTS Speaking Part 2 Tip**

*IELTS Speaking Part 2*

*Describe people - maybe talk about a friend*

*If you want to say when and how you met, these phrases can be useful,*

We go back ....a long way / a long time

We've known each other for ages

We first bumped into each other... at college / at work / on holiday

To bump into s.o. = *to meet by chance*

## Listening

*First read the script below and see if you can guess the missing words. Then, watch the video and try to fill in the gaps.*

**Answers at bottom of PDF**

### SCRIPT

I think friends are really important, maybe not as important as family, I mean, you know what they say, blood is [1]\_\_\_\_\_ than [2]\_\_\_\_\_, right?

But I really value my friends, these are people you will go through thick and [3]\_\_\_\_\_ with you, and always stay beside you, no matter what.

I probably only have a handful of friends that I know I can really [4]\_\_\_\_\_ on, you know, people who will show up when the [5]\_\_\_\_\_ are down.

I've got one mate, Charlie, who I've known since [6]\_\_\_\_\_ days, and we get on like a [7]\_\_\_\_\_ on fire.

We have so much in common, music, sport, taste in [8]\_\_\_\_\_, you name it.

I first met him at a concert, and we just hit it off.

Later on he got married and moved to [9]\_\_\_\_\_ but even so, every once in a [10]\_\_\_\_\_, we like to meet up, go down the local pub and talk about old times.

Chew the cud, so to speak.

Friendship.

## Idioms to talk about Friends

*The following idiomatic expressions can be used to talk about friends*

***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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I know him/her **back to front / inside out / like the back of my hand**  
*= know them very well*

It's good to have **friends in high places** = *influential friends*

She is a **fair weather friend**, the first sign of trouble and she disappears!

He always has my back = *always supports me*

She is a **shoulder to cry on** = *s.o. you can tell your worries to.*

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

We are so different, we are **like chalk and cheese.**

# ANSWERS:

## 1. Word Families

Person	Noun	Adjective	Verb
Friend	Friendship	Friendly	To befriend

## 2. VIDEO SCRIPT - ANSWERS

I think friends are really important, maybe not as important as family, I mean, you know what they say, blood is thicker than water, right?

But I really value my friends, these are people you will **go through thick and thin** with you and always stay beside you, **no matter what**.

I probably only have **a handful of friends** (=several) that I know I can really **count on** (=rely on), you know, people who will show up **when the chips are down** (=when there is an important or risky moment).

I've got one mate, Charlie, who I've known since college days, and we **get on like a house on fire**. (=get on very well)

We have so much in common, music, sport, taste in films, you name it.

I first met him at a concert, and we **just hit it off**. (=get on very well)

Later on he got married and moved to Brighton but even so, **every once in a while**, (= every now and again / sometimes) we like to meet up, go down the local pub and talk about old times.

**Chew the cud**, (=to have a chat, to discuss things - COLLOQUIAL) so to speak.

Friendship.

What more can I say!