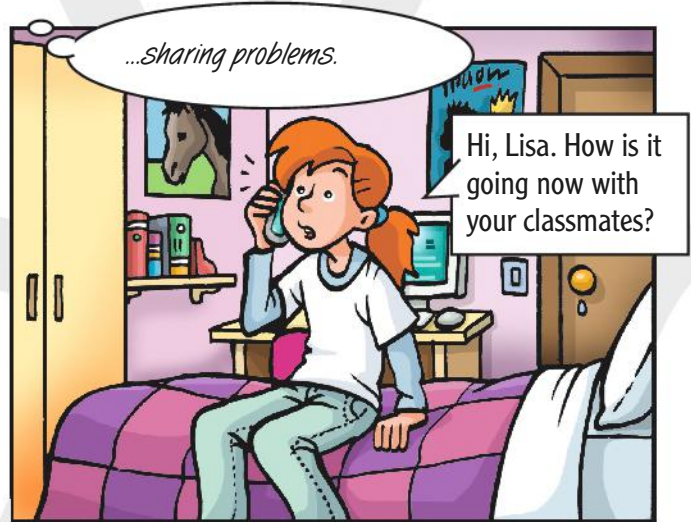


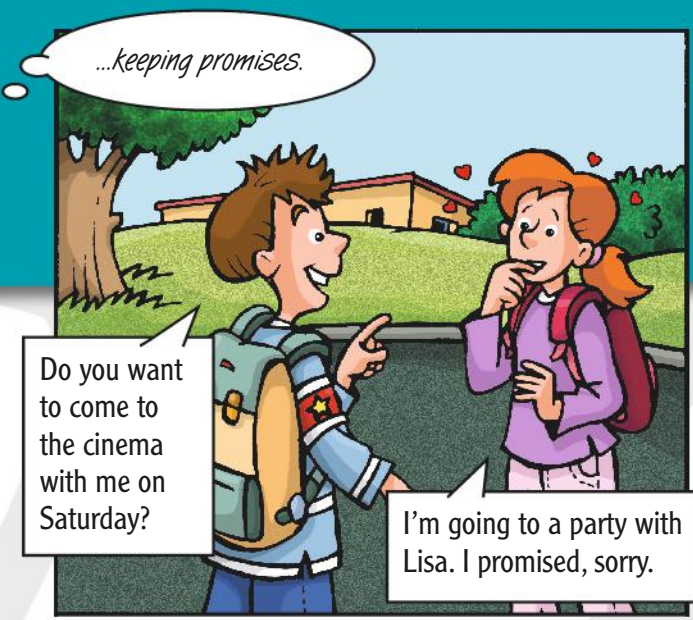
# I love my friends



## JULIE AND HER FRIENDS







**1. Match the two parts of the expressions.**

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1 sharing    | a a friend   |
| 2 having     | b promises   |
| 3 helping    | c each other |
| 4 supporting | d problems   |
| 5 keeping    | e fun        |

**2. Complete these sentences with a word from the list below.**

- support • share • have fun • help • keeps
- 1 Harry and his brother ..... the same passion for football.
  - 2 Lisa is good at Maths. Julie is good at English. They ..... each other.
  - 3 Gregory and Mark do judo. During competitions they ..... each other.
  - 4 You can trust Julie. She always ..... her promises.
  - 5 Robert is really nice. I ..... with him.

**3. What do you think friendship is? You can reply like Julie.**

*I think friendship is...*



**infoUK**

**What do British teenagers do when they're with their friends?**



Teenage girls chat and gossip, but teenage boys play sport or video games. Both boys and girls say that they don't spend enough time with their friends. Teenagers think this is wrong: their teachers and their parents are too strict!

**Are teenagers sociable?**

Yes, very sociable. 90% of British teenagers have more than three really good friends. Only 2% don't have any friends.

**and in Italy?**

How many real friends do young people of your age have?  
Have a class survey or look on the Internet.

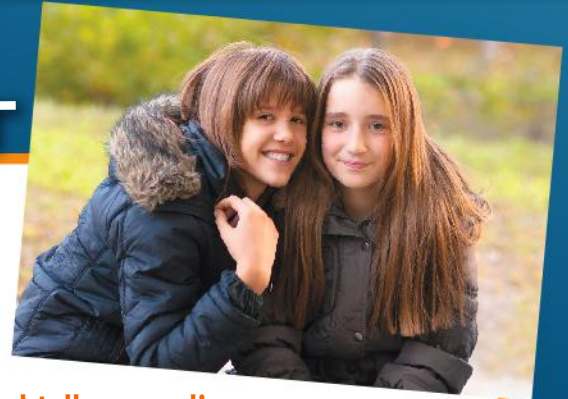
# Friendship is special

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### Are you a good friend?



**1** You hate basketball. Your friend loves it. He/She asks you to come and see a match.

- 🌸 You refuse.
- ♥ You accept only to please him/her.
- ★ You go. Every moment with him/her is great.

**2** Your friend has an argument with someone in your class.

- ★ You tell your friend to apologise.
- ♥ You support your friend and don't ask any questions.
- 🌸 You remain neutral.

**3** Your friend has a broken heart. He/She speaks about this all the time.

- ♥ You listen to the problem again and again.
- 🌸 You don't see your friend or answer the telephone.
- ★ You help your friend and go out with him/her.

**4** Your friend is wearing a horrible pair of trousers.

- ♥ You laugh at him/her.
- ★ You give him/her your advice.
- 🌸 You don't worry. It's his/her problem.

**5** Your friend tells you a lie.

- ♥ You feel angry.
- ★ You feel sad, but you understand why.
- 🌸 It doesn't matter.

**6** You listen to your friend's advice.

- 🌸 Never.
- ★ Sometimes.
- ♥ Always.

**7** Your friend doesn't telephone you for several days.

- 🌸 You think there is a good reason for this.
- ♥ You think this is terrible. You usually send messages every day.
- ★ You call your friend. You want to know how he/she is.

**8** At a party, your best friend doesn't speak to you.

- ♥ It isn't possible. Your best friend always speaks to you.
- 🌸 You ignore him/her.
- ★ You ask your friend what's wrong.

## RESULTS

You have mostly ★: You are sensitive and polite with your friend. You know how to listen and encourage. You are very well-balanced. You are a good friend.

You have mostly ♥: You are jealous of your friend and you always give your opinion. Let your friendship be more relaxed.

You have mostly 🌸: You don't have a good relationship with your friend. You don't care very much about him/her. You can open up more and listen to his/her opinions.



# MY NAME'S STUART



"My friends are very important.  
Every day I spend my time with them, so..."

☞ I listen and I'm interested in others, but I'm also discreet

☞ I am sincere and honest

☞ I am there for my friends in good times and bad times

☞ I give my advice and tell them when they are wrong

☞ I can keep secrets

☞ I suggest things that we can do together

☞ I respect my friends' opinions and their differences

☞ when there is an argument, I listen to the other person's point of view."



## infoUK

### Friendship, books and the cinema

The books and films of Harry Potter show us how important friendship is to young people. Harry doesn't have any friends until he starts at Hogwarts School. Here he meets Ron and Hermione and they like each other in spite of their differences. The three friends work together to help Harry in his quest to overcome the dark wizard Lord Voldemort.



### Proverbs

In the UK there are lots of proverbs about friendship:

"A friend in need is a friend indeed",  
"A friend is never known till needed",  
"A friend to all is a friend to none",  
"A friend's frown is better than a foe's smile."

### and in Italy?

Are there the same proverbs about friendship in Italian?

Do you know other Italian proverbs about friendship?

### 1. What does Stuart's friend Oliver say about him? Complete the sentences with words from the list below.

- sincere   • keep a secret   • together   • friend
- wrong   • good   • advice   • ask

"Stuart is great. We have a lot of fun

(1) ..... When I have a problem I can

(2) ..... him for (3) .....

and he tells me when I'm (4) .....

Stuart can (5) ..... and he's a friend in

(6) ..... times and bad times. He is

(7) ..... and honest. Stuart is a great

(8) ....."

*Oliver*

# The Agony Aunt

Ask Jasmine's advice about your problems. She can help you.

♥ Oh dear Jasmine! I'm in love with a beautiful girl who lives near me. How can I tell her that I like her? How can I ask her to go out with me? What can I do? Please help me!

Ben 14 years old

Can I ask you some questions, Ben? Is she your neighbour, or a friend? Or are you someone she doesn't know? First speak to her, Ben. Suggest things that you can do together. Then you can tell her how you feel. Don't prepare a speech. Be natural and I hope it goes well. Remember that if she says no, it isn't a disaster.

♥ Hello Jasmine,  
My brother is 11 months older than me. When we were younger we always played together, but now we don't. I don't like him and he doesn't like me. He irritates me and we quarrel a lot. It's awful!

Sasha 12 years old

Fights between brothers and sisters are essential. They help you to grow. You were good friends when you were young, but things always change at this age. You have different friends and interests. All teenagers grow apart for a few years. However, don't let arguments become violent. Speak to your brother and find a solution.

♥ Dear Jasmine,  
I haven't got any friends and it's horrible. I hate school. The popular girls have lots of friends and I'm always on my own. I want to join a social networking site, but my parents don't want me to. What can I do?

Laura 13 years old

You only need a couple of good friends. Don't be jealous of girls who are popular and don't find friends on a social networking site. Smile and talk to people at school. Don't be shy. Talk and listen to what they say. Be yourself and always help others.

♥ HELP, Jasmine!!  
My parents control everything: my school work, my leisure time and the music I listen to. I can't go out with my friends and I have got some really nice friends. My home is a prison!!

Bill 14 years old

Show your parents that you are responsible. How? Take part in family outings. Work hard at school. Introduce your parents to your friends. Together you can negotiate your free time. When you go out with your friends, respect your parents' rules.

Good luck!  
Your Jasmine xx

Now it's  
your turn

## A letter to Jasmine

Write to Jasmine and ask her advice about something. You can ask her about an emotional problem or about a problem with your friends and family.



# emotions

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## 1. Who...

- 1 hasn't got any friends?
- 2 doesn't know how to ask a girl to go out with him?
- 3 wants more freedom?
- 4 isn't friends with her brother?

	Ben	Sasha	Laura	Bill
1				
2				
3				
4				

## 2. What is Jasmine's advice? Choose the correct answers.

- 1 She wants Ben to...  
 tell the girl that he likes her immediately.  meet the girl, talk to her and then tell her that he likes her.
- 2 She wants Ben to...  
 be natural.  prepare a speech.
- 3 Sasha and her brother aren't friends at the moment because...  
 teenagers sometimes grow apart for a few years.  they are both jealous.
- 4 She wants Sasha to...  
 talk to her brother.  make their parents talk to him.
- 5 She wants Laura to...  
 become a popular girl.  see that it's more important to have good friends than lots of friends.
- 6 She wants Laura to...  
 speak to people with a smile.  make friends on a social networking site.
- 7 She wants Bill to...  
 be free to do what he wants.  show his parents that he is responsible.
- 8 She wants Bill to...  
 improve his behaviour at home and at school.  change his friends.



## infoUSA

### Guides for parents and teenagers

There are lots of self-help books in the USA. There are books for parents to help them with their teenagers and books for teenagers to help them with their parents.

One book for parents is: *Get Out of My Life, but First Could You Drive Me & Cheryl to the Mall?: A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager*, by Anthony E. Wolf.

One book for teenagers is: *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Personal Workbook*, by Sean Covey.

### and in Italy?

Do you know a book or magazine that can help teenagers with their problems?

Which one? Tell your class about it.

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