

Friendship

1. Read the following article about friendship. What values can be found in a friendship? Guess the words.

Friendship is a term used to denote co-operative and supportive behavior between two or more people. In this sense, the term connotes a relationship which involves mutual knowledge and affection and respect along with a service to friends in times of need or crisis. Friends will welcome each other's company and exhibit loyalty towards each other. Their tastes will usually be similar and they will share enjoyable activities. They will also engage in mutually helping behavior, such as exchange of advice and the sharing of hardship. Yet for many, friendship is nothing more than the trust that someone or something will not harm them.

Value that is found in friendships is often the result of a friend demonstrating the following on a consistent basis:

- the tendency to desire what is ESTB for the other,
- sympathy and MTYEPAH,
- OEYTSHN,
- MALUTU understanding.

2. About cultural variations. Which texts are the sentences taken from?

A group of friends consists of two or more people who are in a mutually pleasing relationship. There are varying degrees of "closeness" between friends.

Rome

Cicero had his own beliefs on friendship. If there isn't, then this isn't a true friendship. In that case, friends must be one hundred percent honest with each other and put one hundred percent of their trust in the other person. Cicero also believed that for people to be friends with another person, they must do things without the expectation that their friend will have to repay them. He also believes that if a friend is about to do something wrong, and something that goes against your morals, you shouldn't compromise your morals. You must explain why what they are going to do is wrong, and help them to see what the right thing to do is, because Cicero believes that ignorance is the cause of evil. Finally the last thing that Cicero believed was that the reason that a friendship comes to an end is because one person in that friendship has become bad. (On Friendship, Cicero)

Russia

The relationship is constructed differently in different cultures. In Russia, for example, one typically accords very few people the status of "friend". These friendships, however, make up in intensity what they lack in number. Friends are entitled to call each other by their first names alone, and to use diminutives. A norm of polite behaviour is addressing "acquaintances" by full first name plus patronymic. These could include relationships which elsewhere would be qualified as real friendships, such as workplace relationships of long standing, neighbors with whom one shares an occasional meal and visit, and so on.

Asia

In the Middle East and Central Asia, male friendships, while less restricted than in Russia, tend also to be reserved and respectable in nature.

Modern west

In the Western world, intimate physical contact has been sexualized in the public mind over the last one hundred years and is considered almost taboo in friendship, especially between two males. However, stylized hugging or kissing may be considered acceptable, depending on the context (see, for example, the kiss the tramp gives the kid in *The Kid*). This is not limited solely to older generations but rather is present throughout all generations. In young children throughout the modern Western world, friendship, usually of a homosocial nature, typically exhibits elements of a closeness and intimacy suppressed later in life in order to conform to societal standards.

..... In Spain and other Mediterranean countries, men may embrace each other in public and kiss each other on the cheek

..... Physical contact between friends was expected, and friends, whether or not of the same sex, would embrace, sometimes kiss and walk in public with their arms around each other, or arm-in-arm, or hand-in-hand.

..... They may use nick names and diminutive forms of their first names.

..... He believed that in order to have a true friendship with someone there must be all honesty and truth.

3. Types of friendship

.....: a person(s) with whom someone shares extremely strong interpersonal ties with as a friend.

.....: a friend, but sharing of emotional ties isn't present. An example would be a coworker with whom you enjoy eating lunch, but would not look to for emotional support.

.....: the name given to someone who is considered the ultimate, true, and eternal half of the other's soul, in which the two are now and forever meant to be together.

.....: people who have a relationship via postal correspondence. They may or may not have met each other in person and may share either love, friendship, or simply an acquaintance between each other.

.....: a form of friendship or romance which takes place over the Internet.

.....: means "ally", "friend", or "colleague" in a military or (usually) left-wing political connotation. This is the feeling of affinity that draws people together in time of war or when people have a mutual enemy or even a common goal.

.....: the sexual or near-sexual and emotional relationship between two people who don't expect or demand to share a formal romantic relationship. In the U.S., this is considered "a fling".

.....: a term used in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries to denote two women that lived together in the same household independent of male support. Relationships were not necessarily sexual.

.....: may refer to people related by birth, or a circle of friends who swear loyalty by mingling the blood of each member together.

.....: a relationship, usually between two people, that agree each partner is free to have sexual intercourse with others outside the relationship. When this agreement is made between a married couple, it's called an open marriage.

.....: a person who shares a room or apartment (flat) with another person and do not share a familial or romantic relationship.

.....: a non-physical friend created by a child. It may be seen as bad behavior or even taboo (some religious parents even consider their child to be possessed by an evil spirit), but is most commonly regarded as harmless, typical childhood behavior. The friend may or may not be human, and commonly serves a protective purpose.

.....: the old buddhist ideal of kalyana-mitra, that is a relationship between friends with a common interest, though one person may have more knowledge and experience than the other. The relationship is the responsibility of both friends and both bring something to it.

Acquaintance, Best friend or close friend, Blood brother or blood sister, Boston marriage,
Casual relationship or "Friends with benefits", Comrade, Imaginary friend, Internet friendship,
Open relationship, Pen pal, Roommate, Soulmate, Spiritual friendship

4. Curiosities/Love

What is love?

What is Platonic love?

What non- personal friendships can you name?

Non-personal friendships

Although the term initially described relations between individuals, it is at times used for political purposes to describe relations between states or peoples ("the Franco-German friendship", for example), indicating in this case an affinity or mutuality of purpose between the two nations.

"Nations have no permanent friends and no permanent enemies. Only permanent interests."

The word "friendship" can be used in political speeches as an emotive modifier. Friendship in international relationships often refers to the quality of historical, existing, or anticipated bilateral relationships.

Interspecies friendship and animal friendship

Friendship as a type of interpersonal relationship is found also among animals with high intelligence, such as the higher mammals and some birds. Cross-species friendships are common between humans and domestic animals. Less common but noteworthy are friendships between an animal and another animal of a different species, such as a dog and cat.

5. Poems about friendship

by Kittens Poems

When times are tough
I will always be there
If you need a friend
I will always care
If you need to call
I will always talk
when you need to cry
or if you want to take a walk
Friendship is not meant just for a day
a friendship to me is for now and always

by Natures Calling

Smiles as bright as suns
as we goof around in the sun
the wind blowing in our faces
turning our hair into golden lace
dancing around in the wind
whispering at your every whim

Friends Forever
thats what i say
I never knew a friend like you
could turn out this way

Your Delicate like a orchid in spring
but just as beautiful in the sunshine
your eyes shine like the sun
sending off rays everywhere you go
You dance like the leaves in the fall
Falling and dancing oh so gently

in the breeze touching everyones hearts
Your like the snowflakes in winter
Sparkling as they fall oh so delicately
showing your true inner beauty

Your like the seasons
always fresh and new
knowing just what to do
no one is like you

A Best Friend Wanted–

I want a best friend to walk with me down a long path, just you
and me lost in chatter, in the woods, hand in hand.

I want a best friend to touch my face and wipe my tears when
I'm sad, or when you make me laugh so hard I cry.

I want a best friend to brush my hair back from my eyes when
we are out on a windy day, look into my eyes and tell me they
care about me.

I want a best friend to touch me, and make me feel alive
again, when I've felt so dead for so long.

I want a best friend to believe in me when I try something
new, support my decisions, and give me advice.

I want a best friend to make me know you care about me, that
my life means something to you, and I am not just something
so easily disposed of.

I want a best friend to hold my hand, as if to say we are soul
mates, and you will never go away.

6. Rihanna: Umbrella

"Umbrella"

Ahuh Ahuh (Yea Rihanna)
Ahuh Ahuh (Good girl gone bad)
Ahuh Ahuh (Take three... Action)
Ahuh Ahuh

No clouds in my
Let it rain, I hydroplane in the bank
Coming down with the Dow Jones

When the clouds come we gone, we Rocafella
We fly higher than
And G5's are better, You know me,
an anticipation, for precipitation. Stacked chips
for the rainy
Jay, Rain Man is back with little Ms. Sunshine
Rihanna where you at?

**You have my heart
And we'll never be worlds apart
May be in magazines
But you'll still be my
Baby cause in the dark
You can't see shiny cars
And that's when you need me there
With you I'll always
Because**

When the sun shines, we'll shine together
Told you I'll be here
Said I'll always be a friend
Took an oath I'ma stick it out till the end
Now that it's raining more than ever
Know that we'll still have each other
You can stand under my
You can stand under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella

These fancy things, will never come in
between
You're part of my entity, here for Infinity
When the war has took it's part
When the world has dealt it's cards
If the hand is hard, together we'll mend your
.....
Because

**When the sun shines, we'll shine together
Told you I'll be here forever
Said I'll always be a friend
Took an oath I'ma stick it out till the end
Now that it's raining more than ever
Know that we'll still have each other
You can stand under my umbrella
You can stand under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)**

Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh eh eh)

You can run into my
It's OK don't be alarmed
Come here to me
There's no distance in between our
So go on and let the rain pour
I'll be all you need and
Because

When the sun shines, we'll shine together
Told you I'll be here forever
Said I'll always be a friend
Took an oath I'ma stick it out till the end
Now that it's raining more than ever
Know that we'll still have each other
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(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella

It's raining
Ooh baby it's raining
Baby come here to me
Come here to me
It's raining
Oh baby it's raining

6. Answer the questions!

What does friendship mean for you? What does a friend have to be like? Do you think you have real friends? Can friendship exist between a boy and a girl? Do you have adult friends? Is it different from having a friend of your own age?

Best friend quiz

7. Pictures and videos