

7.Friends

How many friends do you have? Which do you think is better, having many friends or just a few very close ones? Do you think your friends would stay with you if you were in trouble? You know people say, "A friend can't be known in prosperity." A lot of those, who say this claim that their conclusion is based on personal experience of losing a supposed friend when they were in a difficult situation. If so, it seems friendship is more a matter of social convenience than character or shared interest. However, others can point to unexpected support during a serious crisis from someone whom they did not expect to be a good friend. So I guess the question of friendship can cut both ways: in some cases it is mere lip service and in others it is genuine commitment.

Comprehension

- 1.What does the saying "a friend can't be known in prosperity" mean?
- 2.Who is most likely to say that?
- 3.Are there any counter-examples given? If so, what are they?

Your opinion

- 1.Why do people need to make friends?
- 2.Is it okay for your spouse to have friends of the opposite sex?
- 3.How did you meet your best friend?
- 4.What usually causes trouble between friends?
- 5.What is the most important thing in maintaining a harmonious friendship?
- 6.Do you believe the saying, "Out of sight, out of mind"?
- 7.What's the difference between having male and female friends?
8. What's the difference between the friends you made in elementary, middle and high school, and college?
- 9.Do you tell your friends everything about your private life?