

Topic 3 Interpersonal Relationships

Best Friends Forever



Read the text. Don't worry about new words. Number the questions in the right order.

- ___ How long have they known each other?
- ___ How often do they see each other?
- ___ Why is she his best friend?
- ___ How did they meet?
- ___ Why do they get on well?

Just Good Friends?

I'll never forget our first meeting because it was quite romantic. I had two tickets for a concert in London, but at the last moment the girl who was going to go with me couldn't come. So I went to the concert hall early to get my money back for one of the tickets. Paulina was standing in the queue. We started talking, and I found out that she was there for the same reason. My tickets were better than hers so I suggested that we sat in my seats and we gave her tickets back. After the concert we went for a drink and we've been friends ever since then.

We've known each other for two years. After that first meeting we started going out together and we fell in love. Everything went well at first but after six months **we started to argue** a lot and finally **we broke up**, but we stayed close friends, which isn't always easy.

I think **we get on very well** mainly because **we've got the same sense of humour**. **We've got a lot in common** – we like and dislike the same people and things, and **we've got the same tastes** in music. Our personalities are quite similar too. Paulina seems quite shy when you first meet her but **when you get to know her** she's really extrovert and funny. I think I call her my 'best friend' because she's a person I can talk to about anything and I know **I can trust her**. Our friendship is very important to me.

Nowadays, we only see each other about once a month because she's studying at university and I'm working in London, but **we keep in touch** by e-mail all the time. Some people are surprised when I say that my best friend is a woman, especially an ex-girlfriend. But I think it's perfectly possible for us to be 'just good friends', although maybe when one of us finds a new partner it'll be more difficult. I hope not.

Vocabulary

Look at the words in bold in the text. Match them with the meanings below.

- 1 We began to speak angrily to each other.

- 2 A lot of things about us are the same.

- 3 When you know her better.

- 4 We like the same kinds of things.

- 5 We laugh at the same things.

6 _____
We have a good relationship.

7 _____
I can depend on her.

8 _____
We contact each other regularly.

9 _____
We stopped going out together.

Key

1 We started to argue. 2 We've got a lot in common. 3 When you get to know her. 4 We've got the same tastes. 5 We've got the same sense of humour. 6 We get on very well. 7 I can trust her. 8 We keep in touch. 9 We broke up.