

Friendship

1 Quiz: Are you a good friend?

On the internet you can find a lot of games and quizzes about friendship. Why not try out one of these offers and then compile a test on your own?

a) Visit the following internet site and do the online quiz "Are you a good friend?".



Online quiz: [Are you a good friend?](#)

b) Make notes about the nature of the questions and the answers:

- How does the quiz work?
- Which aspects of friendship are touched by the questions?
- Which answers most likely lead to which final result?



c) Now open the free personality quiz creator and try to design a personality quiz on your own. Share your quizzes with your friends. Here are some possible questions to get you started:

- Does your long distance friendship work?
- Do you make friends easily?
- Do you tell your best friend everything?
- How strong is your friendship?
- ...



Personality quiz creator: [Sample personality quiz](#)

2 Building vocabulary: Friendship proverbs

There are many proverbs and idioms about friendship. Using such phrases will make your English more lively and rich in variety – so let's work on a few!

a) Have a look at the following internet sites. Collect some phrases that appeal to you or that you want to use more often in the future.



Vocabulary pages containing proverbs and idioms about friendship:

- [Proverbs and idioms on friendship I](#)
- [Proverbs and idioms on friendship II](#)
- [Proverbs and idioms on friendship III](#)

b) Using the Web 2.0 service Pimpampum Phasr, create slideshows with your favourite phrases and share them with your friends.



Pimpampum Phasr: <http://www.pimpampum.net/phasr/>

3 Listening: You've got a friend

The song *You've got a friend* by Carole King is one of the most popular friendship songs in the world. It is included in King's album *Tapestry*. However, it is James Taylor's version from the same year that went to No. 1 on the pop singles chart.

a) Have a look at the lyrics and try to complete the gaps with suitable words.

You've got a friend

When you're and troubled
 And you need some loving
 And nothing, nothing is going
 Close your eyes and think of me
 And I will be there
 To up even your darkest night

Chorus

You just call out my name
 And you know I am
 I'll come to see you again
 Winter, spring, summer or fall
 All you have to do is
 And I'll be there
 You've got a friend

If the sky above you
 Grows and full of clouds
 And that old north wind begins to blow
 Keep your together
 And call my name out loud
 you'll hear me knocking at your door

Chorus

Ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
 When people can be so
 They'll you, and desert you
 And take your if you let them
 Oh, but don't you let them

Chorus

(Carole King, 1971)

b) Listen to the following recording of *You've got a friend*, available on YouTube, and check your answers:



James Taylor and Carole King – *You've got a friend*:
<http://www.youtube.com>

c) The song is so popular that it has been covered many times. Find out more about popular cover versions and listen to some of them online.



Popular cover versions of *You've got a friend*:
[Cover versions](#)



d) Choose two of the versions and compare them by giving a short presentation. In your talk, consider the following aspects:

- style
- instruments used (orchestration)
- singers' voices
- tempo
- personal taste

Key

3 Listening: You've got a friend**You've got a friend**

When you're down and troubled
And you need some loving care
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night

Chorus

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knocking at your door

Chorus

Ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold
They'll hurt you, and desert you
And take your soul if you let them
Oh, but don't you let them

Chorus

(Carole King, 1971)