Sample 1

With the development of Internet, making friends through social sites and chat rooms has become more and more popular. Some people accept this prevailing way happily, but some people think it is impossible to make friends without meeting face to face. I support the view that we can gain real friendships by making friends online. (My arguments are as follows.)

(As we all know,) making friends online has irreplaceable advantages, which leads to its rapid development and expands the scale of use. Not only can it break the limitation of time and space when there are these restrictions on making friends in reality, but it can also facilitate efficient communication. On the basis of social media on the Internet, the introverts can be helped to integrate into society easily, which is absolutely useful.

What's more, (I think) the reason why some people insist that making friends in the real world is better is that they do not believe that the people we cannot touch will show their sincerity. However, the best way of making friends is to show your sincerity to harvest another. It's an interactive and equal way. To sum up, no matter you make friends in reality or online, as long as you treat people faithfully, true friends will be gathered for you.

In conclusion, besides making friends face to face, making friends through the Internet is also an effective way to meet your fateful friends. The advantages of the Internet will improve your efficiency and your sincerity, which will ultimately bring your friends to you.

**Sample 2**

Nowadays, with the prosperity of economy and the development of technology, a novel style of making friends through social sites and chat rooms are spreading worldwide. Some people consider it a great way to make friends, while others hold their original opinion that face-to-face friends are better. From my perspective, making friends online helps make friends face to face ultimately. It enables us to contact like-minded people and extend our social circle, which is beneficial to making face-to-face friends.

Making friends online makes it possible for us to encounter more people that share the same hobbies, contributing to being friends in reality. For instance, my friend Nancy has kept in contact with an online friend who enjoys literature like her for around ten years. Excitingly, they met each other recently and became close friends in reality! What an awesome experience! So why not go and seek the similar spirit through Internet and then try making friends face to face?

Besides, our social circle will be extended if we talk with online friends. Although there still exists someone unkind online, which is likely to cause safety problems like cheating or swindle. But if we remain vigilant, we will make good use of chatting online. For example, for those who have social phobia, chatting online helps deal with their social problems and ease their mind. It helps to improve their ability of thinking, expressing and communicating. As a consequence, it extends their social circle both online and offline.

Overall, enjoying making face-to-face friends doesn't mean refusing chatting with online friends. We can regard online friends as a stage where we make face-to-face friends. In fact, making online friends does help make friends in reality. **Only when we make full advantages of the two methods are we likely to make more close friends!**

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