It's easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

William Blake, 18th century English poet

Still friends?

1 VOCABULARY friendship

a Complete the dialogue with the correct tense of a word or phrase from the list.

keep in touch argue know lose touch stay friends meet get on have in common



- A Where did you 1_ meet
- B At a golf tournament in Spain.
- A How long have you 2 boen knowing each other?
- B For about ten years.
- A Why do you think you 3 get on
- B Because we have very similar personalities.
- A What do you & have in common
- B A lot of things, for example we both love playing golf.
- A Do you ever 5 argue?
- B Not much. We usually agree about most things.
- A How do you 6 beepin touch
- B Usually by email and we phone each other occasionally.
- A Have you ever 7 lost touch ?
- B Only for about a month when we both changed our email addresses and forgot to tell each other!
- A Do you think you will always 8 3 24
- B Yes, I'm sure we will. I certainly hope so.

| b | Write | the | type | of | relationsh | ip a | fter | each | sentence. |
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| | ose friends colleagues old friend assmates new friends | ls | | |
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| 1 | We always do our homework together after school. | classmates | | |
| 2 | We used to play hockey together but we don't see each other much now. | old prien | | |
| 3 | We only met last month but we get on very well. | new esten | | |
| 4 | We work together in the same office. | colleague | | |
| 5 | We tell each other all our secrets. | dose prie | | |
| G | RAMMAR usually and used to | | | |
| | orrect any mistakes in the highlightick () the correct sentences. | nted phrases. | | |
| 1 | Did you used to wear glasses? | | | |
| | Did you use to wear | | | |
| 2 | I didn't use to like Callum but now h | ne's one of my | | |
| | best friends. | | | |
| 3 | I usually go swimming before I go t | o work. | | |
| 4 | He use to be very overweight but th | en he went on | | |
| | a diet. Now he's very slim. He used to be ouch | we lobet | | |
| 5 | Did you use to argue with your siste | er when you | | |
| | were little? | | | |
| 6 | My wife doesn't use to drive to work | . She normally | | |
| | walks or goes by hus. | | | |
| | isn't used to a | Byrin | | |
| 7 | Where did you used to work before | | | |

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8 Do you usually get home before 8.00?

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- b Complete the sentences with usually or the correct form of used to, and the verb in brackets.
 - 1 She <u>used to go</u> (go) to the cinema every week,
 - a restaurant twice a week.
 - 3 We usually visit) my parents on Sundays if
 - I'm not working. 10 wear) a uniform when you went to school?
 - 5 I wal to 30 (go) to the gym three times a
 - week, but not any more. I'm too busy.

 6 He (not like) children, but now he's
 - the perfect father.

 7 A Dyou uswally work) late on Fridays?
 - B No, today was an exception.

 8 He wood to be (be) very patient, but now he's really impatient.

 9 We re Hey they / go) to the beach a lot when
- they were kids?

 10 We don't usualla hour.

 (not have) a long holiday, but this year we're going to Australia for six weeks!

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3 READING

- a Match each text to a person A-D.
- b Read the article again and answer the questions with A, B, C, or D.

Who ...

- 1 ... thinks that you can't have close friends who live far away?
- 2 ... thinks that relatives are more important than friends?
- 3 ... has more friends now than before?
- 4 ... thinks that close friends need to have a lot in common?
- 5 ... thinks that having friends isn't a necessity?
- 6 ... has close friends who enjoy physical activity?
- 7 ... doesn't think that women and men can be close friends?
- 8 ... doesn't have the same occupation as their close friends?



We often use the word 'friendship' but what does it really mean? What is a close friend? We asked two generations, male and female, to say what they thought:

close friend is someone you get on really well with, who helps you when you have problems, who gives you advice, and who always has time for you. I didn't use to have many close friends when I was at school or at university as I was very shy, but now I have several. They are all women - I think it's difficult to have a close friend of the opposite sex.

: I think a close friend is someone who you've known for a long time, and who you still get on with. They probably have similar hobbies to you so you can do things together. I've got three close friends who I was at secondary school with and we often go away together (without our parents of course). We either go camping or we stay in youth hostels but somewhere we can go walking, play football, and be outside in the open

l: I'm not sure how to answer the question because I don't really have any close friends. I know a lot of people but mainly through work, and the sort of social occasions when we meet are business dinners, things like that. I think if you come from a really close family, which I do, then friends are a bit superfluous. The little free time I have I prefer to spend with my family.

For me close friends are the people you spend your free time with. I go out at weekends with a group of people there are about seven of us, and I'd say they are my close friends. They're also people who live near me. I don't think you can have close friends at a distance, you need to be able to see each other often. But I don't think you need to be doing the same things, I mean I'm at university but none of my friends are.