**Storyline:**

Six young people from New York, on their own and struggling to survive in the real world, find the companionship, comfort and support they get from each other to be the perfect

***Friends*** is an American situation comedy about a group of friends living in the New York City borough of Manhattan. It was created by [David Crane](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/David_Crane) and [Marta Kauffman](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Marta_Kauffman), which premiered on [NBC](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/NBC) on September 22, 1994. The series was produced by [Bright/Kauffman/Crane Productions](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Bright/Kauffman/Crane_Productions), in association with Warner Bros. Television. The original executive producers were Crane, Kauffman and Kevin Bright, with [Adam Chase](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Adam_Chase), [Michael Curtis](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Michael_Curtis), [Greg Malins](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Greg_Malins), [Scott Silveri](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Scott_Silveri), [Shana Goldberg-Meehan](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Shana_Goldberg-Meehan), [Andrew Reich](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Andrew_Reich) and [Ted Cohen](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Ted_Cohen) being promoted in later seasons.

A Comedy Series based in Manhattan about 6 young friends, in the struggle to find success and happiness in life, but it is never that straight forward, is it? Rachel Green - A popular schoolgirl of the past, is now a spoiled brat living off her father’s finance. In an attempt to start a new life after running out on her wedding, she shares an apartment with an old best friend Monica Gellar, and eventually befriends the other 4 and Monica's older brother, Ross. Monica Gellar - A compulsive neat freak, who has trouble with her love life. Monica was teased when she was in high school for being overweight. However, now a head-chef at a top restaurant in Manhattan, she has lost all her excessive weight, and just wants to start a family with 'the right guy' to complete a happy life. Ross Gellar - Older Brother of Monica, he has always had strong love feelings for Rachel. A successful professor of science leads him to be often teased by the other 5 friends about his profession. Ross has experienced many misfortunes in life, including 3 divorces and bringing up a child with his lesbian ex-wife. Ross now is devoted to finding a girl to settle down with, without a divorce, and makes it his personal goal to share happiness with Rachel. Phoebe Buffay - Brought up as a fatherless child, Phoebe is a ditzy yet loveable hippy, who has become a personal masseuse. Despite liking her profession, her dream is to become a star in the music industry and bases her songs on her life experiences. The other 5 friends secretly believe that Phoebe will never make it, but still encourage her to write. Phoebe often performs at the 'Central Perk' coffee house, and strongly believes in herself. Chandler Bing - A financially secure data processor, who relies on humour as a defence mechanism. Despite being rich, the other 5 have no idea what his profession is, and Chandler is a wimpy, average looking cigarette addict, who has never had a serious relationship. Will he ever get it, and is she just round the corner from him? Joey Tribiani - Despite being close to all the friends, he is especially open with Chandler, who is also his roommate. Joey is a small time actor, who desperately wants fame and fortune, and Chandler has high hopes of Joey, so helps Joey with money for acting lessons and professional photographs. Despite being a relatively bad actor, Joey is an adorable, sensitive guy, who is very successful with women, but needs to become famous and rich to complete his successful life.

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**About**

Crane and Kauffman began developing *Friends* under the title "*Insomnia Cafe*" in November 1993. They presented the idea to Bright, with whom they had previously worked, and together they pitched a seven-page treatment of the series to NBC. After several script rewrites and changes, the series was finally named "*Friends*" and premiered on NBC's coveted Thursday 8:30 pm timeslot. Filming for the series took place at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, California in front of a live audience. After ten seasons on the network, the series finale was heavily promoted by NBC, and viewing parties were organized around the U.S.. The finale, which was first aired on May 6, 2004, was watched by an average of 52.5 million American viewers, making it the fourth most-watched series finale in television history.

*Friends* received positive reviews throughout its run, and became one of the most popular sitcoms of its time. The series won many awards and was nominated for 63 Primetime Emmy Awards. The series was also very successful in the ratings, consistently ranking in the top ten in the final primetime ratings. *Friends* has made a large cultural impact, and the [Central Perk](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Central_Perk) coffee house featured prominently in the series has inspired various imitations worldwide. Repeats of the series continue to air worldwide, while each season has been released on DVD. Following the series finale, the spin-off series [*Joey*](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Joey_(TV_Series)) was created, and rumors of a film continue to circulate.

**Characters**

* [**Jennifer Aniston**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Jennifer_Aniston) as [**Rachel Green**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Rachel_Green), is the spoiled but warm-hearted and likeable daughter of a rich vascular surgeon and his wife. Rachel is introduced into the series in the first episode after she leaves her fiancé, Barry, at the altar, and attempts to live independently without financial support from her parents. She flees from her almost-wedding to New York City to find Monica Geller, her friend from high school. Rachel moves into Monica's apartment and meets Phoebe Buffay, and Joey Tribbiani. Rachel already knows Ross Geller, Monica's brother, as all three went to the same high school and also Chandler Bing as he was Ross's college buddy. Rachel's first job is as a waitress at Central Perk coffee house. She later begins to work in fashion, becoming an assistant buyer, and later a personal shopper, at Bloomingdale's. She eventually becomes a buyer at Polo Ralph Lauren. A great deal of Rachel's life throughout the series revolves around her relationship with Ross Geller. At the end of season seven, during Monica's and Chandler's wedding, it is revealed that Rachel is pregnant from a one-night stand with Ross. Initially, Rachel is determined to raise the baby on her own, but later she realizes she needs Ross's help. She decides to move in with Ross, even though the two are not involved in a relationship. Their daughter, Emma, is born during the eighth-season finale. During the tenth season, Rachel is offered a job with Louis Vuitton in Paris. She accepts and prepares to move herself and Emma to France. However, in the series finale, she declines the job offer and famously "gets off the plane". Rachel and Ross get back together in the final moments of the series.
* [**Courteney Cox Arquette**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Courteney_Cox) as [**Monica Geller**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Monica_Geller)is the mother hen of the group, who is known for her obsessive-compulsive and competitive nature. Monica is often jokingly teased by the others, especially her brother Ross, for having been extremely overweight as a child. Monica is an intelligent, kind-hearted person who works primarily as a chef at a variety of restaurants throughout the show. In the second season, Monica falls for her father Jack's (Elliott Gould) friend, Richard Burke (Tom Selleck). Despite the twenty-one year age difference, Monica and Richard are happy, and her parents accept their relationship. However, as a result of Monica yearning for a family but Richard having already had one, they break up at the end of the second season. Monica then pursues a chain of various men until she unexpectedly begins a relationship with her longtime friend, Chandler Bing, at the end of the fourth season, during her brother Ross' wedding to Emily Waltham. Monica and Chandler try to hide their relationship from the rest of the group for much of the fifth season, but eventually everyone finds out. After celebrating their first anniversary in Las Vegas, they move in together and get engaged by the sixth-season finale. After their marriage, Monica and Chandler try to conceive children, only to discover that they are unable to do so. In the final season of the series, they adopt two children, whom they name Erica and Jack.
* [**Lisa Kudrow**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Lisa_Kudrow) as [**Phoebe Buffay**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Phoebe_Buffay) is an odd, ditzy albeit sweet-natured masseuse who grew up homeless, sometimes telling her friends outlandish tales of life on the street. She is an aspiring musician who plays the guitar and sings songs with somewhat unusual lyrics at the coffee shop. She has an identical twin sister, Ursula (also played by Kudrow), who is just as odd as Phoebe and appeared as a recurring character on Mad About You. After a series of dates and relationships with a number of men, Phoebe meets Mike Hannigan (Paul Rudd) in season nine, whom she eventually marries in season ten. She also became a surrogate mother for her half-brother Frank Jr. (Giovanni Ribisi), giving birth to his triplets in the fifth season.
* [**Matt Le Blanc**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Matt_Le_Blanc) as [**Joey Tribbiani**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Joey_Tribbiani), is a good-natured but not-so-bright struggling actor and food lover, who becomes mildly famous for his role as Dr. Drake Ramoray on a fictionalized version of Days of Our Lives. Joey is a womanizer, with many girlfriends throughout the series, often using his catchphrase pick-up line "How you doin'?" He develops a crush on Rachel in season eight but nothing happens until Rachel falls for Joey at the end of season nine. They date for about a week, becoming official in Barbados but they end the relationship because they can never be more than best friends. Matt Le Blanc got a spin off show called Joey once the series finished because Joey's character didn't have a resolute ending.
* [**Matthew Perry**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Matthew_Perry) as [**Chandler Bing**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Chandler_Bing), is an executive in statistical analysis and data reconfiguration for a large multi-national corporation, a job which he despises. Because of this, Chandler later quits his job and becomes a junior copywriter at an advertising agency. Chandler is known for his sarcastic sense of humour. An intelligent man at the end of the day (despite all his goofy quirkiness), he often mocks his best friend Joey for the latter's stupidity. Chandler is often depicted as being somewhat of a hapless individual, suffering a lot of bad luck while struggling through life and occasionally struggling with an on-and-off smoking addiction. He dated the well-known nasal character Janice who annoyed everyone and eventually aggravated Chandler. However, he eventually falls in deep mutual love with Monica; an emotional Chandler tells her that she "makes him happier than he ever thought he could be" while proposing to her at the close of season six, with the two of them marrying at the close of season seven. By the end of the series, he and Monica adopt twins, whom they name Jack and Erica.
* [**David Schwimmer**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/David_Schwimmer) as [**Ross Geller**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Ross_Geller), is a paleontologist at a museum of prehistory, and later a professor of paleontology at New York University. The most intelligent of the six main characters, but at the same time a clumsy, quirky man, Ross is known for being a know-it-all who prides himself on his rationality, despite his clear hopeless romanticism. Monica's older brother, Chandler's college roommate, and Rachel's on-again, off-again boyfriend, Ross has three failed marriages during the series and is involved in an on-and-off relationship with Rachel, which is a main storyline throughout the series. He is also the father of his ex-wife Carol's son, Ben, and Rachel's daughter, Emma. In the series finale, Ross and Rachel finally reconcile, deciding to be together once and for all.

Before their roles on *Friends*, the main six cast members were somewhat familiar to television viewers, but were not considered to be stars. During the series' ten season run, the actors all achieved household name celebrity status, and all pursued careers in the movies, with varied success. Aniston's movie career is predominantly populated with light romantic comedies including *The Good Girl*, *Bruce Almighty*, *Along Came Polly*, *Rumor Has It*, *The Break Up* and *Derailed*. Cox made several lightweight films and achieved her greatest success with the *Scream* series, in which she co-starred with her husband, [David Arquette](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/David_Arquette), who had made a guest appearance as [Ursula](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Ursula)'s stalker in *Friends*. This was followed by the critically acclaimed TV series, *Dirt*, that portrayed her as a ruthless editor of a two-bit tabloid magazine. Kudrow fared best in low budget indie films, most notably *The Opposite of Sex* and *Happy Endings*, and also films like the comedy hit *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion* and *Analyze This*. Most recently Kudrow played a main character alongside Hilary Swank in 2007's *P.S. I Love You*. Perry co-starred in the Canadian mafia comedy *The Whole Nine Yards* and its sequel *The Whole Ten Yards* along with [Bruce Willis](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Bruce_Willis), who had also made guest appearances on the show. He also starred in the romantic comedy *Fools Rush In*. He also starred as the title character in the critically acclaimed *The Ron Clark Story*, and has since co-starred in TV drama *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip* and an episode of *Scrubs* titled "My Unicorn" as Murray. He has also played the leading role of the film *Numb* which, whilst released straight to DVD, has gained an appreciation and collection of high praise from critics. Matt LeBlanc took a leading role in *Lost in Space* and starred as the boyfriend of Alex (Lucy Liu) in *Charlie's Angels*. He also reprised his role as Joey Tribbiani in the show's spin off series, [*Joey*](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Joey_(TV_series)). In 2001, Schwimmer co-starred as Capt. Herbert Sobel in the 2001 TV mini-series *Band of Brothers*. In 2005, Schwimmer starred as the voice for the giraffe Melman in the movie *Madagascar* a role which he reprised in the 2008 *Madagascar 2*. David Schwimmer directed ten episodes of *Friends* and two of *Joey*. His big directorial debut "Run Fatboy Run" was released on March 28, 2008.

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Aniston at the 2008 Toronto International Film Festival.

Series co-creator David Crane wanted all six characters to be equally prominent, and the series was lauded as being "the first true 'ensemble' show". The cast members made efforts to keep the ensemble format and not allow one member to dominate; they entered themselves in the same acting categories for awards, opted for collective instead of individual salary negotiations, and asked to appear together on magazine cover photos in the first season. In their original contracts for the first two seasons, each main cast member was paid $1,600 per episode. Before the third season, the cast threatened to go on strike unless they received pay increases, which resulted in each actor receiving $100,000 per episode. For the series' sixth season, the cast members were offered $250,000 to return. The cast members again entered negotiations before the sixth season, asking for $750,000 per episode, and during the ninth and tenth seasons, received $1 million per episode. Behind the scenes, the show was known for its unusually cohesive and unified cast. The six main actors made deliberate efforts, from early on, to keep the show's ensemble format and not allow one member to dominate; notably for a show of its length, the six principals each appeared in every episode of the run. The actors became such close friends that one guest star, [Tom Selleck](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Tom_Selleck), reported sometimes feeling left out. The cast remained good friends after the show's run, most notably Cox and Aniston, with Aniston being godmother to Cox and David Arquette's daughter, Coco. In their official farewell commemorative Friends Til' The End, they each separately acknowledged in their interviews that the cast had become their family.

**Storylines and format**

The [**first season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_One) introduces the six main characters: [Rachel Green](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Rachel_Green), [Monica Geller](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Monica_Geller), [Phoebe Buffay](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Phoebe_Buffay), [Joey Tribbiani](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Joey_Tribbiani), [Chandler Bing](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Chandler_Bing), and [Ross Geller](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Ross_Geller). Rachel, who left her [fiance](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Barry_Farber" \o "Barry Farber) at the altar on her wedding day, has come to New York and ends up living with Monica. It establishes early on in the season that Ross has been infatuated with Rachel since the two characters attended high school. Several episodes revolve around his attempts to tell her how he feels. Meanwhile, Ross's estranged lesbian wife [Carol](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Carol_Willick) is pregnant with his baby. This puts him and Carol's lesbian life partner, [Susan](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Susan_Bunch)(played by [Jessica Hecht](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Jessica_Hecht)), in an awkward position. When the baby is born at the end of the season, Ross, Carol, and Susan agree to name him Ben: after a name tag on a janitor's uniform worn by Phoebe. The episodic nature of the season sees the other characters having multiple dates, many of which go wrong (Monica dates a minor in [one episode](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/The_One_With_The_Ick_Factor)). The recurring character of [Janice](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Janice_Litman_Goralnik) (played by [Maggie Wheeler](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Maggie_Wheeler)) is introduced as a girlfriend Chandler breaks up with in an early episode but frequently returns to through the ensuing ten seasons.

The [**second season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Two) features more serialized storylines; it begins when Rachel discovers that Ross is dating Julie (played by [Lauren Tom](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Lauren_Tom)), someone he knew from grad school. Julie returns for several episodes early in the season. Rachel's attempts to tell Ross she likes him mirror his own failed attempts in the first season, though the characters eventually begin a relationship that lasts into the following season. Joey, a struggling actor in the first season, gets a part in a fictionalized version of the soap opera [*Days of Our Lives*](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Days_of_Our_Lives) but loses the part soon after when he angers the writers by saying in an interview that he writes many of his own lines. [Tom Selleck](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Tom_Selleck) begins a recurring guest role as Dr. Richard Burke. Richard, a friend of Monica and Ross' parents who is recently divorced and with grown children, is 21 years older than Monica but despite this they date for the second half of the season. In the season finale, they end the relationship when they realize that he does not want any more children and she does. The second season also served to deepen Chandler and Joey's friendship. This becomes especially apparent in the episodes in which Joey temporarily moves out and a creepy guy named Eddie ([Adam Goldberg](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Adam_Goldberg)) moves in.

The [**third season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Three) took on a significantly greater serialized format. Rachel begins working at Bloomingdales and Ross becomes jealous of her coworker, Mark. Ross and Rachel break up after Ross sleeps with the hot girl from the copy shop, Chloe. His insistence that he and Rachel were "on a break" becomes a running gag through the remaining seasons. The two show significant animosity towards each other through the second half of the season, though the cliffhanger ending suggests the two reconcile. Interestingly, the first episode after they break up does not focus on the two of them, but on Chandler, who's having a very hard time dealing with the situation, as it reminds him of his parents' divorce. Phoebe, established as having no family except for an identical twin sister, becomes acquainted with her half-brother (played by [Giovanni Ribisi](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Giovanni_Ribisi)) and in the finale discovers her birth mother she never knew she had (played by [Teri Garr](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Teri_Garr)). Joey develops a crush on Kate, his acting partner in a new play. (played by [Dina Meyer](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Dina_Meyer)) At first, she doesn't harbor feelings for him, even after sleeping together. However, after her boyfriend/director dumps her following a scathing review of the play, she turns to Joey for support. The relationship doesn't last long, as she is given an opportunity on a soap opera in Los Angeles. Monica begins a relationship with [Pete Becker](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/List_of_recurring_characters_in_Friends#Pete_Becker), a millionaire who has a crush on her. (played by [Jon Favreau](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Jon_Favreau)) At first, she only sees him as a friend, but eventually, the two begin to date. Preparing for what she thinks is a marriage proposal, Pete confides in her that he wants to become the Ultimate Fighting Champion. After seeing him get beat up badly in two matches, she tells him he has to give it up. Since he won't, she breaks up with him.

During the [**fourth season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Four), actress Lisa Kudrow became pregnant. This was written into the show by having Phoebe become a surrogate mother to the children of her brother and his wife (played by [Debra Jo Rupp](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Debra_Jo_Rupp)). Ross and Rachel briefly reconcile in the premiere but soon break up again. During the middle of the season, Monica and Rachel are forced to switch apartments with Joey and Chandler after losing a bet on how well the four know each other. They bribe Joey and Chandler to switch back with Knicks season tickets and a one-minute kiss. Mid-season, having moved on, Ross begins dating an English woman called Emily (played by [Helen Baxendale](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Helen_Baxendale)) and the finale, featuring the wedding of the characters, was filmed on location in London. Chandler and Monica sleep together when, after a wedding guest mistakes Monica for Ross' mother, Monica seeks comfort in the arms of a friend. Rachel, depressed by the impending wedding enough to chase away a potential boyfriend in Joshua, attends the wedding at the last minute, intending to tell Ross that she still loves him, but decides not to. Things are thrown into chaos when Ross replaces Emily's name with Rachel's while saying his vows.

The [**fifth season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Five) follows Monica and Chandler keeping their new relationship a secret from their friends, while Ross' marriage to Emily ends before it even started, following their wedding (Baxendale's pregnancy prevented her from appearing on-screen in all but two episodes). Phoebe starts a relationship with Gary ([Michael Rapaport](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Michael_Rapaport)), a police officer she meets after finding his badge. Although leery of moving in with Gary, she eventually relents. The relationship ends with a bang, literally, when Gary shoots a bird outside of their apartment. Monica and Chandler's relationship becomes public and on a trip to Las Vegas, they decide to get married. On a cliffhanger, Ross and Rachel drunkenly stumble out of the wedding chapel. It received Emmy nominations in 1999 for Outstanding Comedy Series.

In the [**sixth season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Six) premiere Ross and Rachel's marriage is established to be a drunken mistake and, although Ross is reluctant to do so, the two get a divorce (Ross's third) after failing to get an annulment. Monica and Chandler decide just to move into her apartment together and Rachel moves in with Phoebe. Joey, still a struggling actor, gets a female roommate and a part on a cable television series called "Mac and C.H.E.E.S.E", where he stars alongside a robot. Ross gets a job lecturing at New York University and starts dating his college student, Elizabeth (played by [Alexandra Holden](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Alexandra_Holden)). [Bruce Willis](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Bruce_Willis) makes a three-episode cameo as her father. Phoebe and Rachel's apartment catches on fire, causing Rachel to move in with Joey and Phoebe with Chandler and Monica. In the final episodes, Chandler decides to propose to Monica. Trying to make it a surprise, he starts acting like his old commitment-phobic self, telling her he opposes marriage. For a brief moment Monica considers going to back to Richard, who confesses to her that he still loves her and is willing to have children with her. Monica gets wind of Chandler's idea, and attempts to propose to him but breaks down in tears and cannot finish. Chandler then asks her to marry him and the show is ended with celebration with many of the friends who were standing outside the door. It nominated for Outstanding Comedy Series at Emmy Award 2000.

The [**seventh season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Seven) largely concerns various wedding-related antics by Monica and Chandler. Joey's television series is canceled but he is offered his old job back on *Days of Our Lives*. Phoebe's apartment is fixed but due to the way the apartment has been rebuilt, Rachel stays with Joey. The two-part season finale follows Monica and Chandler's wedding, with guest stars that include [Kathleen Turner](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Kathleen_Turner) as Chandler's transvestite father. The closing moments of the season reveal that Rachel is pregnant.

The [**eighth season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Eight)**'**s first episodes follow a "Who's the father?" format, with the father revealed to be Ross in episode two and Rachel telling him in episode three. Joey begins to develop romantic feelings for roommate Rachel and when Joey's feelings are revealed things become awkward for the two. Eventually their friendship returns to its status quo but in the finale, following Rachel's giving birth to a daughter, she accepts an accidental [roposal of marriage from him. The season was regarded as a return to form for the series; its ratings increased as viewers tuned in for comfort following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It won the Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series in 2002. The first in that category for the series.

The [**ninth season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Nine) follows Ross and Rachel living together with baby Emma after she and Joey clear up the misdirected proposal. She soon moves back in with Joey after a fight with Ross. Monica and Chandler, inspired by Ross and Rachel, decide to conceive a child of their own. They seek medical advice after several episodes of trying for a baby, and discover that both of them are physically unable to conceive. [Paul Rudd](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Paul_Rudd) appears in the recurring role of Mike Hannigan, a new boyfriend for Phoebe. [Hank Azaria](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Hank_Azaria) returns as David "the scientist guy", a character originated in the first season, and Phoebe must choose between the two in a touching finale, deciding to choose Mike. The finale is set in Barbados, where the group goes to hear Ross give a keynote speech at a Paleontologist conference. [Aisha Tyler](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Aisha_Tyler) appears as the series' first recurring black character. Tyler plays Charlie, Joey's intelligent girlfriend. Even though Joey's attracted to her, she finds herself eventually becoming attracted to Ross, who is more her intellectual equal. After Charlie dumps Joey, Joey and Rachel's feelings for each other return. They agree to clear it with Ross first, until Joey catches Ross kissing Charlie. The finale ends with Joey and Rachel kissing.

The [**tenth season**](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Season_Ten) closes up several storylines; Joey and Rachel try to contend with Ross' feelings about them being together. However, consummating the relationship becomes disastrous, and they decide to remain friends. Charlie decides to return to Benjamin Hobart ([Greg Kinnear](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Greg_Kinnear)), her old flame, and from whom Ross was trying to obtain a research grant. Monica and Chandler decide to adopt a child, and meet Erica, a birth mother from Ohio (played by [Anna Faris](http://friends.wikia.com/wiki/Anna_Faris)). Erica gives birth to twins in the series finale. Phoebe and Mike get married towards the end of the season and Rachel takes a job based in Paris. Ross declares his love for her and they resume their relationship (not making any mistakes this time) in the season finale, while Monica and Chandler move out of their apartment into the suburbs. Joey is upset that everything is changing. Rachel still gets on the plane even with Ross' confessions, but later appears at his apartment door admitting she loves him too. In the series finale, at the end, a tearful Rachel says 'Shall we go get some coffee?' to which Chandler sarcastically responds, 'Sure. Where?' (the last words spoken on the show)

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