# Week 3 Speaking Topic (06 July 2022)

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

1. Do you have a lot of friends?

* Well in actual fact, I have a lot of friends. As you know, I am a friendly, easy-going person. Therefore, when interacting with people around me, it is easy to create good relationships with people and have many friends. And I feel that my friends are also very fond of me because when they talk to me, they feel funny and comfortable. Moreover, I'm really into making many friendships, because I learn a lot from my friends from their work and their personalities, which helps me to become better and better.

1. How often do you meet your friends?

* Well, to be honest, I think I would have to say that it really depends on distance. For instance, if my friends live far from me, maybe they live in my hometown or in provinces other than HCMC. It's very rare that I meet them, I often meet them 2 or 3 times each time on special occasions or long holidays. Whereas in contrast, my friends live in HCMC, I often met them 2 or 3 times a month. We can gather to go to coffee or eat dinner together.

1. Is there anything special about your best friend?

* Of course. To me, she is the most dependable person I have ever met. She is always ready to listen to me when I need. Although we don't talk often because each of us is busy with our own lives, every time one of us needs to confide, the other is always ready to listen and give advice. Furthermore, she's always by my side and never leaves me when I hit the rock-bottom. I feel blessed to have such a friend beside me.

1. How long have you known your best friend?

* Well in truth, we struck up a friendship when were high school students. We have lots of things in common. I always see eye to eye with her not only on study but also perspectives in life. She is really my soulmate. We have really been through thick and thin together. Just like that, we have been friends for 15 years.

1. What do you think to be the best trait of a friendship?

* Well, in my opinion, I think the trust to be the best trait of a friendship. When you hit the rock-bottom, best friends are always by your side even everyone don't care about it. When you do worst things, people will criticize you but best friends will not, best friends will give you encouragement and advice to overcome and become better.

1. Is it important to keep contact with our friends when we are in a relationship?

* Well, I would say that, in my opinion, it is important to keep in contact with our friends when we are in a relationship. This could be because if we lose touch with our friends in long time, we cannot update information of them, that makes the distance between you and your friend widen. When we stand the test of time, if we can't get over it, we gradually become less and we drift apart then the friendship will be ended.

1. Do you prefer to spend time with your family or your friends?

* In actual fact, I prefer to spend free time with my family. I live in HCMC, my parents live in Phu Yen province, it’s so far, I only come to my hometown 2 or 3 times on special occasions or long holidays, so I don’t have a lot of time with my family, therefore I really cherish the time I stay with my family.

# VOCAB

* Have lots of things in common (v) : Có nhiều điểm chung
* Strike up a relationship (v)***[straɪk]*** : Bắt đầu một mối quan hệ
* Lose touch with (v) : Mất liên lạc với
* Drift apart (v) ***[drɪft] [əˈpɑːrt]*** :Các xa nhau
* Stand the test of time (v) : Đứng trước thử thách của thời gian
* Ups and downs (v) : Thằng Trầm
* Hit the rock-bottom (n) ***[ˈbɑː.t̬əm]*** : Rơi vào khủng hoảng trầm trọng
* Shoulder to cry on (a) ***[ˈʃoʊl.dɚ]*** : Một bờ vai để tựa vào
* Fair-weather (a) (A fair weather friend) : Tốt
* Introvert (v) ***[ˈɪn.trə.vɝːt]*** *:* Hướng nội
* Completely honest : Hoàn toàn trung thực
* Besties (n) : Tốt nhất
* Kind-hearted (a) : Tốt bụng
* Click (v) :
* Cherish (v) ***[ˈtʃer.ɪʃ]* :** Trân trọng
* Loyalty (n) ***[ˈlɔɪ.əl.t̬i]*** : Lòng trung thành
* Easy-going (a) ***/ˌiːzi ˈɡəʊɪŋ/*** : Dễ gần
* Fond of : Thích
* Dependable (a) ***[dɪˈpen.də.bəl]*** :Đáng tin
* See eye to eye (v) (with s.one on s.th) : Đồng ý với ai đó
* Perspectives (n) ***[pərˈspɛktɪvz]* :** Quan điểm
* Soulmate (n) ***[ˈsoʊl.meɪt]*** : Tri kỷ
* Through thick and thin : Đồng hành cung nhau qua những lúc tốt đẹp lẫn khó khăn trong cuộc sống