 **close friend**: a very good friend.

 **enjoy each other's company**: to like spending time with each other. Steve and Noah are always together, they definitely enjoy each others company.

 **fair-weather friend**: someone who is your friend only when you are cheerful and successful. A lot of John's friends turned out to be fair-weather friends. They were with him when he was rich and left him when he went bankrupt.

 **friends are like second family**: that is to say your friends love you and make you feel comfortable.

 **get in touch with somebody**: to contact somebody. I plan to get in touch with my friends when I return home.

 **near and dear to someone**: very important to someone. Her parents are the only people who are near and dear to her.

 **shoulder to cry on:** someone who is always ready to listen to your problems. I'm so glad my boyfriend is so kind and sympathetic, it's good to always have a shoulder to cry on.

 **to be through thick and thin**: to have some good times and difficult times together. Your parents are married for 15 years, they must have been through thick and thin together.

 **to be well-matched**: to be similar to somebody in interests. They are well-matched.

 **to break up**: to end a relationship. It is hard to believe that Jacob and Sarah broke up. They were dating since high school.

 **to drift apart**: to become less close to someone. As years went by, school friends drifted apart.

 **to fall for someone (to fall in love with someone)**: to start loving somebody. They were childhood friends, and he fell for her!

 **to fall out with**: to quarrel, to have a conflict. He ​left ​the party after ​falling out with his ​girlfriend.

 **to get on like a house on fire**: people get on like a house on fire when they like each other's company and ​become ​friends very ​quickly. I like my new roommate! We have a lot of same interests and get on like a house on fire.

 **to get on well with somebody**: to have a good relationship with somebody. I'm an outgoing person and I easily get on well with new people.

 **to get to know someone**: to become acquainted with someone. I thought Jenna was selfish until I got to know her and understood her real character.

 **to have a lot in common**: to have similar interests.

 **to have friends in high places**: to have friends in powerful positions in business or government. Joe owes his fast career growth to his friends in high places.

 **to hit it off with somebody**: to quickly become close friends with somebody. I could not imagine that Laura will hit it off with Dylan! They are so different.

 **to keep in touch with someone**: to maintain contact with someone. I keep in touch with my friends from high school, although we graduated five years ago.

 **to lose touch with someone**: to lose contact with someone. I lost touch with Mary since she moved to Canada.

 **to see eye to eye**: to agree. I think it's better to live in a big city, but my brother doesn't see eye to eye with me about it.

 **to strike up (a conversation, a relationship)**: to start. I feel awkward when I strike up a conversation with unknown people.

 **ups and downs**: a mixture of good and bad things that happen. We're friends for almost 30 years! Surely we've had our ups and downs.