

Interpersonal Relationships – Key

Just Good Friends

Key

Explain the difference

- 1 *To meet* so – for the first time, e.g. at a party or in the street by chance. *To know* so – after you have met
- 2 A *friend* is someone you see socially. A *colleague* is someone you work with.
- 3 Your *girlfriend* (or *boyfriend*) is the person you are going out with.
- 4 A *partner* is the person you are married to or live with. A *couple* are two people who are married or living together.
- 5 A *close* (= near) *friend* is a very good friend who is important to you and with whom you can discuss personal matters. A *best friend* is the one you like most of all.

Questions

- 1 How did they meet? 2 How long have they known each other? 3 Why do they get on well? 4 Why is she his best friend? 5 How often do they see each other?

Vocabulary

- 1 We started to argue. 2 We've got a lot in common. 3 When you get to know her. 4 We've got the same tastes. 5 We've got the same sense of humour. 6 We get on very well. 7 I can trust her. 8 We keep in touch. 9 We broke up.

Vocabulary Practice

A Phrases

Key

- 1 Jo and Phil don't see eye to eye ... or ... don't get on with each other.
- 2 I fell out with my parents last night.
- 3 We had a quarrel but now we've made it up.
- 4 Do you think Jim and Nora are having an affair?
- 5 I get on very well with all my colleagues at work.
- 6 She should learn to respect her elders.
- 7 Jo's attractive, but her mate just turns me off completely.

B Verbs relating"

Verbs: 1g, 2c, 3a, 4i, 5f, 6b, 7e, 8h, 9d

C Phrases and verbs

Phrases and verbs: 1h, 2g, 3a, 4e, 5b, 6c, 7f, 8d

D Match the adjectives ..."

1 ambitious; 2 reliable; 3 sensible; 4 selfish; 5 charming; 6 sociable; 7 sensitive; 8 lazy; 9 self-confident; 10 moody; 11 bossy; 12 shy

E Agree with the opinion ...

1 ambitious; 2 unpleasant; 3 cheerful; 4 inflexible; 5 insensitive/inconsiderate

F Listening

Still best friends?

- 1 At a friend's birthday party.
- 2 Andy.
- 3 They both asked Tessa for her phone number.
- 4 Craig. She said she'd go out with him.
- 5 Andy. She said she couldn't go out with him.
- 6 Furious/very angry.
- 7 Tessa wasn't sure who was who.
- 8 For a few weeks.

T1.3 I = Interviewer; C = Craig

I Have you ever had a serious argument with Andy?

C Yes, I have. Only one but it was a big one, in fact it almost finished our friendship.

I What was the argument about?

C A girl. She was called Tessa and we met her at a friend's birthday party. Andy was talking to her and I came up and introduced myself. We both talked to her a lot during the evening. We both liked her. Then when the party finished, I asked her for her phone number. And Andy asked her too. But we didn't tell each other. In fact, we didn't say anything about Tessa after the party. Anyway, next day I phoned her and I asked her if she wanted to go out that night and she said, 'OK'. Two hours later Andy called her and asked her out too and she said, 'Oh sorry, I can't, I'm already going out with your friend tonight.' When I saw him the next day, Andy was furious. I've never seen him so angry and we had a terrible argument. I said to him, 'Come on. What's the problem? We both did the same thing – it's just that I did it first.' But we didn't speak to each other for about month. The funny thing was that later Tessa told me that when I phoned her she wasn't sure if it was me or Andy who she was talking to because she couldn't remember our names.

I Are you and Andy still best friends?

C Well, Tessa and I started going out together but we broke up after a few weeks and little by little, Andy and I started talking again. Yes, we're still best friends but it's a subject that we don't talk about.