

File 4C

Vocabulary and speaking

1a

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| 1 known            | 5 have a lot in common |
| 2 met              | 6 lost touch           |
| 3 colleague        | 7 keep in touch        |
| 4 get on very well | 8 argue                |

Grammar

2b

It's for finding out what old friends are doing, and getting back in touch with them. You find the web page for your old school or workplace and add your name to the list. You can also put a photo and some information. If you want to send a message to someone on the list, you do this via *Friends Reunited*, not personal emails.

2c

Carol wanted to meet Robert, an old boyfriend. She lost touch with him when they broke up. Alex wanted to meet his old school friends. He thought they might help him recover his memory, which he lost after a motorbike accident.

2d

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| 1 We used to go out | 4 used to come   |
| 2 he used to go to  | 5 I used to know |
| 3 I used to live    |                  |

2e

We use *used to* to talk about habitual actions or states in the past. We make negative sentences and questions with *did / didn't*, e.g. *Did you use to go to boarding school? I didn't use to have short hair.*

Listening

3a

Carol's reunion was not a success. They didn't have anything in common any more.

3b

### Carol's story

- 1 He always said that he would hate to be a teacher.
- 2 She thought 'he always used to be late'.
- 3 People say she looks five years younger than she is. He looked like an old man. He was bald (and was wearing a hideous jacket).
- 4 That they didn't have anything in common any more.
- 5 He wasn't a rebel any more, he was boring and conventional.

3c

Alex's reunion was successful. He is now in touch regularly with the people he met and is going out with one of them.

3d

### Alex's story

- 6 No, he didn't recognize anyone.
- 7 He felt nervous.
- 8 All the things he used to do when he was at school (e.g. play in the football team, etc.).
- 9 He remembered that he used to wear glasses.
- 10 Anna is a girl who used to be at his school. They are now going out together.

Pronunciation and speaking

4a

1 /s/ 2 /z/ 3 /z/ 4 /s/ 5 /z/ 6 /z/ 7 /s/ 8 /z/

Reading

5b

**edit your friends** = decide which of your friends are important, and stop seeing, spending time with the rest

5c

1 c 2 b 3 a 4 c

How words work

1

1 F 2 B 3 D 4 G 5 A 6 E 7 C

2

- 1 get on with    2 get to know    3 get  
4 get in touch    5 get rid of

Listening and speaking

6a

**Speaker 1 B    Speaker 2 A    Speaker 3 D**

6b

- 1 Disagrees. He thinks it's easier because you can text, email, and chat online on the computer. He gives the example of several friends he met on holiday last year. He is still in touch with them.
- 2 Agrees. She thinks that men keep friends longer because their friendships are less intense (and less intimate) than women's – they don't talk about their personal lives much. As a result, they don't have arguments.
- 3 Agrees. He says that if you criticize your friend's partner while they are still together (and in love) you will lose the friendship. You should wait until they break up. He gives the example of how he once criticized his friend's girlfriend and now they aren't friends any more.