

Friendship

Everyone has a personal understanding of what friendship means, but different people have different definitions. Answer the following questions to sharpen your definition of friendship.

1. How important are close personal relationships to you?
2. How much time do you spend on your friendships? Do you tend to initiate your contacts with your friends (e.g. are you the one to pick up the phone?), do your friends tend to initiate contact with you?
3. How honest are you with your close friends? Do you have any particular friend with whom you would share even your most secret ideas and dreams?
4. What is your style of making friends (e.g. just letting it happen?) How do you know when an acquaintanceship has moved to a true friendship?
5. Has a friend of yours ever changed in a fairly substantial way during your friendship? What has been your reaction?
6. All things considered, how would you define friendship, and how would you describe what makes a good friend?

After completing these questions, ask yourself the following ones: Are you generally satisfied with your friendships? Would you like to change them in some way? Working in a group, compare your definitions of friendship, considering similarities and differences.