

A Friend In the Hand Is Worth Two In the Bush

Level: Intermediate

Age: Teenagers

Time needed: 25 minutes

Lesson aim: To help students talk about relationships by exploring friendship and romantic vocabulary.

Skills: Study skills, speaking, writing

Materials needed: Worksheet, Macmillan Online Dictionary

Activity 3

Ask students to check the meanings of the words in Activity 3 by using the Macmillan Online Dictionary. Then ask them to complete the activity. After that, ask students to work in small groups and write a love story using as many words as they can. If time allows, give students time to share their stories with the class.

Key:

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| 1 chat up | 7 get married |
| 2 ask out | 8 cheat on |
| 3 go on a date | 9 fall out with |
| 4 fall in love with | 10 split up |
| 5 live together | 11 get divorced |
| 6 propose to | |

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Ask students to skim the text and say what the text is about. Then ask them to give some examples of vocabulary related to friendship and relationships.

Activity 1

Ask students to check the meanings of the words and expressions in Activity 1 by using the Macmillan Online Dictionary. Then ask them to complete the text with the words. If time allows, ask students to work in pairs and share a story with a friend using as many words as they can from Activity 1.

Key:

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| a close friends | e keep in touch |
| b best friend | f circle of friends |
| c get to know | g acquaintances |
| d make friends | |

Activity 2

Ask students to read through the questions and write their own answers. Then have them share their ideas with a partner. If time allows, ask the pairs to share their answers in small groups.