

Overview

Watch the video podcast. What do the people talk about?

1 Watch the video podcast from 0:11- 0:35 and complete Hina's text with one word in each space. Watch it again if necessary.

Glossary: *trust* = believe someone will do what they say;
depend on = know someone will help you if you need it



Hi, I'm Hina. I work ¹*for* the BBC here in London. I know a lot of people here but I only have a few ²_____ friends. I ³_____ in touch with friends by texting, emailing and using social networking ⁴_____ like Facebook. For me, a friend is someone I can trust and depend on ⁵_____ also someone who makes ⁶_____ laugh. Today, we're asking people ⁷_____ their friends.

2 Look at the people below and read the things they say. Then watch the video podcast from 0:35-3:02 and match people A-F to six sentences. There are two extra sentences.



- 1 He likes to have really close, close friends. C
- 2 She likes friends with the same interests. _____
- 3 He doesn't like using social networking sites. _____
- 4 He writes letters to friends to keep in touch. _____
- 5 She uses MSN and Facebook to keep in touch with friends. _____
- 6 She likes to have friends who are good at sports. _____
- 7 He likes to keep in touch with both old and new friends. _____
- 8 He has quite a large group of friends. _____

3 Do they have a lot of close friends? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 0:35-1:10 and underline the correct word in *italics* in each answer.



1 I've got a nice *circle* / *number* of friends.



2 I have a *few* / *many* close friends, yeah.



3 Yeah, I've got *three* / *a lot* of close friends.



4 I'm not the type of person to have *lots of* / *really* close friends.



5 Yeah, I do have *quite a few* / *some* close friends.



6 I have a *number* / *a large group* of close friends.

Glossary: *circle of friends* = group of friends; *a few* = some but not many; *a number of* = quite a lot

4 How do they keep in touch with their friends? Read their answers in the box below. Then watch the video podcast from 1:11-2:05 and tick (✓) the words you hear every time you hear them. Watch the podcast again if necessary.

telephone ✓ ✓	write letters	make phone calls	the internet
Skype	email mobile phone	Facebook	text/send text messages

5 What do they look for in a friend? Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 2:08-3:03 and complete the answers with the words from the box.

out fun easy make sense funny



I guess someone who's quite *creative*, like myself – somebody who likes going ¹ *out*.



Mostly it's people who can ⁴ _____ me laugh.



And ² _____ and easy-going, I guess.



Someone I feel *comfortable* with. Someone I can be myself with. Someone who's ⁵ _____ to talk to.



³ _____ of humour, I think.



They have to be ⁶ _____, they have to be *kind and sincere*, they have to be *honest*.

Vocabulary

6 Match the six words in italics in Ex 5 to definitions 1-6 below. Watch the video podcast again and practise saying the words aloud.

- 1 say what you think and tell the truth *honest*
- 2 care about other people and treat them well _____
- 3 be honest and mean what you say _____
- 4 feel relaxed and not worried _____
- 5 relaxed and easy to get on with, not often angry _____
- 6 have a lot of new ideas, use your imagination _____

The way we speak

7 Watch the video podcast from 1:11-3:20 and complete what the people in pictures 1-6 say. What does *mostly* / *mainly* mean?

Glossary: *like* = for example (informal)



Facebook, like, ¹ *mainly* and then MSN.



I go to see them but ² _____ texting and using the internet...



³ _____, at the moment, through Facebook. I'm always on Facebook.



Skype even, my family ⁴ _____.



⁵ _____ like the personality and if they, like, have the same interests as me.



⁶ _____ it's people who can make me laugh.

Personalisation

8 Write about your friends using the prompts below.

I've got _____ (number of friends).

I keep in touch with them _____

_____ (how?).

In a friend, I look for someone who _____

_____ (qualities).

FUN FACTS



The average number of friends we have is 150. Most people have between 6 and 12 good friends. Click on the BBC link below to find out more.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/7920434.stm>

