



This edition's theme is Friendship

Friendship is vital in human life and is characterised by mutual affection, support systems and understanding between individuals. It involves sharing perspectives and experiences as well as emotions and values which create a bond that can withstand challenges. Friendships are proven to enhance our wellbeing, provide a sense of belonging and contribute to each other's personal growth. Building strong connections with individuals can lead to a build-up of trust. Trust is extremely beneficial as it has been scientifically proven that humans make hundreds of friends in their lifetime but only 1 in 12 will last. To make their bond last, both individuals will need to show consistency by being a stable presence in each other's lives.



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Key friendships in History

Helen Keller and Alexander Graham Bell: their friendship emphasises the importance of advocacy and education for people with disabilities. They forged a lasting friendship when Bell helped Keller to become the first deaf-blind person to graduate from college. While Bell will be primarily remembered for inventing the telephone, his work with the deaf cannot be over-estimated.

Tom Jones and Lady Rothes: They formed a friendship on the Titanic and while it was sinking, Jones saved Lady Rothes' nephew from drowning which led to a lifelong friendship. Their bond transcended class barriers, challenging societal norms, proving that in times of crisis, humanity triumphs over social status. Despite coming from very different worlds, the Countess and the Able Seaman went on to have a life-long friendship.

Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe: Monroe helped kickstart Fitzgerald's career by ensuring she landed a prominent gig at a Hollywood club that had previously refused to book her because of her race. Marilyn Monroe's intervention led to Ella's performance there, ensuring extensive press coverage. Their friendship exemplifies the power of using one's influence to support and uplift others.

Key friendships in Literature: "All sorts of pleasant things happened about that time, for new friendship flourished like grass in spring", Jo and Laurie, *Little Women*.

In our world, any kind of relationships or interactions between man and woman is classified and seen as romantic. But is there really friendship between a man and a woman? Can there actually be a connection without it being romantic? What about friendship in 'Little Women'? Throughout the story of 'Little Women' the reader can see the beginning and development of a very important cross-gender friendship between Jo and Laurie. The characters are having fun, cheering and supporting each other, despite being different, having different interests, social status/class and financial situations. However, it does not stop them from being friends and having connections between them in every way.

Friendships contribute to our everyday lives. They are seen everywhere – in the TV shows and films we watch, in books and, most importantly, in our very own friendships. Friendships make us stronger and teach us valuable lessons which is why we should cherish them and treat them with the respect and love they deserve. It is not always easy to maintain friendships but it is important that you try your best and accept some days you may slightly disagree or fall out with your friends but to not hold a grudge against them.

The True Meaning of Friendship

What is the true meaning of friendship?
Well, in truth,
I'm not completely sure.
Even when the lines in the sand seem clearer,
The tide always returns to blur them,
So I'm not going to pretend
That I know
What the meaning of friendship is,
When the lines in the sand seem to be ever-
changing.
But
I do know this,
I know that I'll always be there for you,
I know that I always will be.
When the waves in your head grow too tu-
multuous,
And it feels like your mind is drowning,
I'll promise I'll be there to help you float,
I'll be there for you.
When your thoughts are tangled in green
seaweed,
Knotted and trapped under the weight of the
water,
I promise I'll be there for you.
When your heart struggles to stay afloat,
And the crashing waves are dragging it down
further,
I'll promise I'll be there to help it swim to
shore,
I'll be there for you.
I'll always be there for you,
I know that I'll always be there for you,
I just hope you know that too.
I don't know what the true meaning of
friendship is,
But I do know this.
So maybe that's the answer,
Maybe that's the true meaning of friendship.

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A Friend in Need

A friend is until the end
A friend will mend
A friend will always send
A friend will want to tend
A friend is until the end

Marni Walker 9H

Friends for Life

Finding friends may be hard
Relying on them can be hard
In reality, a friend is the best thing you can have
Even in your worst time they are there
Now they would be there for you
Dark times they are there for you
Sad times they are there for you
How else could they be there for you
I guess they will always stay
Possibly until we are not around anymore
Friends are made to be together for ever and ever
They will always be there for you and never leave
Friends forever

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Katie Jervis 9Z

Forever Friends

Friends are not just peers

They help you face your fears

Friends are not just people who walk the streets

They are the ones who match your freak

The ones who turn your frown upside down!

The ones who pick you up when you are out of luck

Friendships can stay forever

The ones who cause you to stick together

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Friendship

A friend is like a star that twinkles and glows

Or maybe someone who's there no matter how far you go

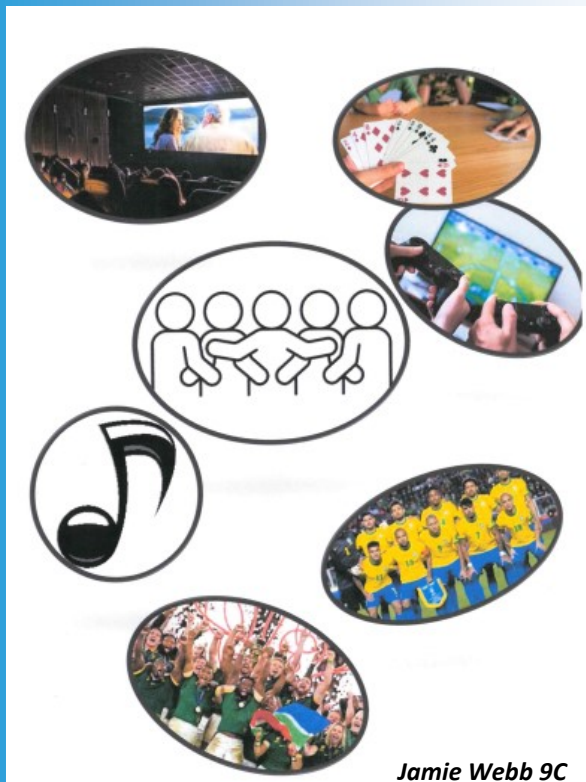
A friend is like a flower that makes you open up

And makes you as excited as a little pup.

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Forever Friends

Forever

Reach

Independent

Empathetic

Never alone

Dependent

Supportive

Helpful

Incredible

Peaceful

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Imogen Mendoza 9L

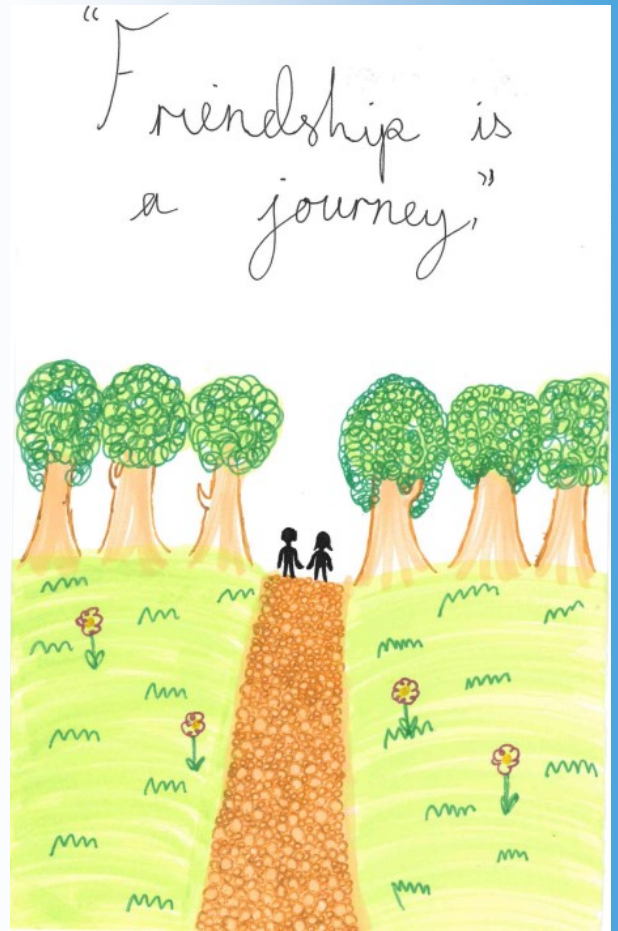


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Cherish

With every adventure and with every dream
Our friendship blossomed like a flowing stream.
Through tests and trials we stood side by side
And in the face of a storm we never hide.
With laughter as our armour and love as our shield
Our friendship was a tight seal.
For all the times you calmed my fears,
And a friend I cherish beyond all laughter and tears.
We step forward no matter the bend,
I wish to keep you as my closest friend.

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Isla Causon 9W

Always There

Hand in hand,
We'll always be there to understand,
Whether I give you a hug,
Or a meme of a pug.
No matter how far or close we are,
You'll always be my biggest star
I'll love you till the very end,
You'll always be my favourite friend.

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