

To have a friend means many things and is very different for everyone, depending on who you are. I decided to take a look at what a few people thought a friend was to them, see what some had in common and what other people had unique thoughts about. Here is what I found out.

First, I talked to George Palo who says:

*A friend to me is someone I enjoy being around, is very positive, has a good sense of humor, interesting, takes interest in me, owns up to their mistakes, and most of all a friend is someone who has trust in you and you have trust in them. Some of the first things I notice about people is the way they act, what they say, how they treat other people, and how they are dressed. Me and my friends talk about quite a few things such as politics, gardening, and what we are going to do in order to help someone and how we are going to do it. I spend everyday with at least one of my friends, I have a friend I eat lunch with everyday. My most memorable times with my friends are just the ones where we are doing everyday things like talking eating, etc. The best thing a friend can do for me is give me his/her trust and also be there when I need them most in my life, that goes both ways in a friendship. I really don't think that I go out and try and make friends, I might go out and meet new people but I can't call them a friend, I believe friends are something that just happen in life, and that you don't make them intentionally.*

Another person I talked to is a good friend of mine, who says:

*A friend to me is like having another family member, at first it's an acquaintance but then you start talking more and that relationship turns into someone who is a good friend and then you start making many memories and then you form a bond that is too strong to be broken. A good friend in my eyes are some who is into the same things as I am, someone who is easy going and doesn't care much, someone who sticks up for what they believe in, and someone who never goes back on their word. I like talking to my friends about movies and TV shows that are good, games that are fun to play and that I would recommend, and about politics. I enjoy playing soccer with my friends, I like to play video games and watch TV with them, I like to go swimming over the summer, and I enjoy going to the movies with them. My first thoughts when I meet someone is how do they treat*

*someone, what are they wearing, what kind of things they say, and what kind of humor are they into. Something that really brings me and my friends together is probably just hanging out together and continuing to make more memories with them. There's not really a place that I find people I like, I mainly meet new friends through old friends of mine. There's not really an interesting way that I have ever met a friend before. The best memory I've ever had with any of my friends would probably be any of our summer memories because they are always the funniest of times and when everyone is carefree. The thing I most enjoy about my friends is the comfort and happy times that they all bring. The best thing a friend can do for me is stick up for me and prove that they are a true friend and put themselves in danger for me.*

Another person I interviewed was Rany Fantz. Here are his thoughts and opinions on friendship:

*A good friend to me is someone I can have fun with and not be annoyed by them. A good friend in my eyes is someone who shares and is someone I'm able to make some good memories with. I like talking about cars, dirt bikes, video games, and music with my friends. I like to ride dirt bikes, play video games, and watch TV with all my friends. The most important thing about a friend is that they can't be boring. There's not much I notice when I first meet someone. One thing that brings me and my friends together would be riding dirt bikes, and just hanging out with friends at home. A place that I find good friends is at the track where we ride. There's not really any special ways I've ever met someone. I don't have a favorite memory out of all of them, so I can't really answer that. I spend everyday with my friends, at school. The thing I enjoy most about my friends is the cool things we can all do. The best thing a friend can do for me is trust me.*

All in all peoples opinions on friendship are relatively the same, most people care about trust, caring, and how their friends act. Peoples thoughts on friendship seem to have the same backbone but differ on some things. Overall people are looking for someone who can be there for them and someone who has the same interest as they do.

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