

Sample Discussions

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1. How would you describe your relationship with your family and friends?

A: On the whole, I **get along well with** my family and friends. For example, in terms of family, my parents and I have a **heart-to-heart** meeting every week. We share the fun or difficulties we experienced over the week, which promotes our **emotional communication**. In addition, I also have some good friends with whom I can share secrets.

B: Wow, I admire your family relationship. My parents are very strict with me and they **seldom express love**. Thus, my family atmosphere is solemn. But luckily, I can get comfort from my friends. I often go hiking or picnicking with my friends on weekends. Even if the Internet is very advanced now, we still **meet offline** frequently and chat together.

2. What are some qualities that they appreciate about you?

A: In the eyes of my friends and family, I am an interesting and **optimistic** person. They say that I'm positive and **passionate about** life and someone who can always bring them joy. In fact, I often joke with them and make them laugh.

B: Wow, it must be fun to live with you. My family and friends think that I am a **creative** and **intelligent** person. For example, I have planned the reading month activities of my class for three **consecutive** years, and received high praises. I'm proud of that! What about you?
How would your friends and family describe you?

C: My family and friends often praise me as warm and **generous**. **No matter who** is in trouble, I always try my best to offer help. They think that I'm **considerate** and always **take the initiative to** care for others. I am able to listen to others' complaints patiently, **comprehend** their feelings and needs, at the same time, actively **enlighten** and offer suggestions.

D: If I had to guess about how my family and friends would describe me, I would hazard a guess at a bit of a handful, mischievous and headstrong. Of course, that means in their eyes I am still a big kid. However, as for whether or not I see myself the same way...