

Writing Task Sample

Unit 18 What are friends for? (p.145)

What quality do you value most in a friend?

Write an article of about 180 words to discuss the quality that you value most in a friend.

I count myself lucky to have had the same best friend in my life for more than a decade.

At primary school, we encouraged one another before difficult exams. More recently, we entered different **secondary schools**, but we still **motivate one another** when study gets boring or stressful.

One of the great qualities of my best friend is his ability to just listen. He can tell when I'm stressed or **in a bad place**, and I don't have to explain myself around him. He'll just sit me down and let me **offload my worries**.

Moreover, it helps that we share the same **sense of humour**. We laugh in very silly, situations. The best jokes to us are always **accidental** and a bit mad.

When my mother got ill suddenly and died, I was **inconsolable**. That was, until my best friend **spontaneously** booked a trip to Macau for us. He said I needed a **change of scenery**. He was right.

I have learnt that friendship is about **chemistry**. It cannot be explained rationally. Conversely, I have the **irrational fear** that I am not as good a friend to my best friend as he is to me. I just hope that I am wrong.

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