

## 20070426 The Qualities of a Good Friend

## I. About the Topic

1. You have to write at least 2 to 3 qualities of a person to be a good friend. Specify the quality and then explain or develop it. For example, kind, loyal, knowledgeable, learned, literate, patient, upright and just are some of the qualities a good friend should have. Pay attention to the word you choose, you choose an adjective to describe a quality, and you had better use adjectives to describe other qualities.
2. A good friend should have the qualities such as patience, smart, and a sense of humor.(x)
3. You are asked to write qualities of a good friend, don't write what doesn't make a good friend. For example, drinking and gambling, telling a lie are not the qualities to make a good friend. (x)
4. Don't misunderstand the topic and write the situation how you get along with your friends. Focus on "qualities" of a friend, don't write what is a "friend"
5. At the beginning, you give two qualities a good friend should have and then you list a quality a good friend should not have. For example, I think a person with patience and a sense of humor will be a good friend. But I think the person hurting me physically or mentally will not become a good friend. (x)
6. You give a quality but you explain it in a wrong way. For example, In my opinion, the most important quality is being kind. For one thing, since friends always share a lot of things in their life, if we make a friend who lies or drinks, we may be tempted into doing the same thing. (There is no connection between the quality and the explanation.)
7. He has many good qualities, but his honesty is admired by me the most. For example, one time he promised to teach me math. However, there were a lot of homework that day, but he still taught me first by putting aside his homework. (This is the example of keeping one's promise.)
8. At first, he mentions 3 qualities and then he uses this paragraph to bring an end to his composition. As far my friends are concerned, they didn't have as many as qualities I mentioned above, I still considered them to be my good friends for we treated each other sincerely. ( His conclusion contradicts with his development in the previous paragraphs.)(x)
9. A friend in need is a friend indeed is only one quality of a good friend so you cannot use this sentence to conclude your composition.

## II. Some Useful Collocation

1. sb face/ be faced with/ encounter/ confront/ be confronted with problems (difficulties)
2. sb collapse into depression/ be depressed/ be discouraged/ be dejected/ fall into a depression
3. sb be in/get into/run into trouble
4. in serious/ deep/big trouble
5. a humor friend will definitely adds spice to our boring life; thus, we can lead an interesting and fun life.
6. People have different opinions about so-called good friends. The qualities people define as good friends differ from person to person.
7. A good friend with a positive attitude helps us feel hopeful and confident about everything in our life. Gradually, we will develop the quality to make the best of every situation, especially a bad one. Thus we have the courage to meet the challenge of our life.
8. Later, I find he has all the qualities I mention above. He is knowledgeable but he is not satisfied with his performance. He is the concrete example of “live and learn.” He is also trustworthy and reliable, I can count on him for everything for he is the last person to desert or betray his friend.
9. The encouragement from a good friend boosts our confidence and brightens our life.
10. With a friend supporting me in difficulty, I can pick up the courage to move on.
11. A person with a noble character will be courageous, loyal and honest as well as upright. Such kind of people are worthy of our trust, thus, they can become good friends of us.
12. A thoughtful person is always trying to think about what they can do to make others happy and comfortable. A thoughtful friend is like a breeze in spring, refreshing us and we are allowed to feel relaxed.
13. A friend with integrity will help his friends to tell right from wrong.

## III. Some Good Examples

1. As a proverb says, “The man is known by the company he keeps.” It is not difficult to understand how great an influence our friends have on us. (09/冠緯)
2. when I am in trouble, I hope I could find a person who not only stays with me but he can make me happy and save me from the shadow of pain.(09/秉浩)

3. As the saying goes, "Friends should be few and good." Through one's life, people may have a great number of friends. But it is not until they encounter difficulties that they know which friends are best friend of theirs. I think good friends should have some necessary qualities as follows.(09/育維)
4. As human beings are social creatures, people cannot be isolated from other people and they have to live with others.(09/闕策)
5. that is the first time I tasted the sweet flavor of "friendship" and I know I will not forget that taste any more.(09/佩庭)
6. I think the first quality of a good friend is loyalty. There is no one feeling good when a good friend betray him or her. We all want a friend who really wants to make friends with us. (09/裕家)
7. First, and the most important of all, is that he is optimistic. Bad though the situation is, he always looks on the bright side of things. Take my best friend for example, whenever I get into trouble, he encourages me to be like a rolling stone and move on to my goal and put what troubled me behind me. It is his smile that makes me solve the problem in a good mood. (14/建宏)
8. Only adversities could tell good friends from others because they would never turn their back on you; instead, they would try their best to help you get ride of the trouble, and free from the swamp of depression, constantly encouraging you to hold a positive attitude life and never give up until the game is over. (14/合笙)

#### IV> Good compositions

##### 1.

A good friend should be honest, brave, and most importantly, always optimistic. I hate the people who lie to me. Even a little lie will make me very angry. Whenever a person don't tell me the truth, I feel strongly irritated. After all, no one likes the feeling of being cheated. The person who lies to me treats me as if I am an idiot. Who likes to be viewed as an idiot?

And having brave friend is also very important. No one lives his life without having got into some trouble once in a while. When in difficulty, we need a person who is willing to give us a hand and dares to challenge the problem we have.

At last, friends always influence our mood and our attitude toward life. Staying with( Accompanied by) optimistic friends, we can always be in a good spirit and work more efficiently because we will look on the bright side of things. Moreover, optimistic friends give us positive thinking toward everything, thus, we will overcome obstacles more easily because we won't defeated by

frustration. Only the friends with the three qualities will bring us a wonderful life. (09/晃源)

2.

When it comes to a good friend, I think he or she should have these qualities. First, they should be upright and just, they will tell you and ask you to correct your mistake. With a friends like this, we will not go astray.

Second, they are learned and literate. They should know a lot of things. Then you could learn many things from them because they are like a window, through which you will find more beauty in the world.

Finally, a good friend must be patient and sympathetic so you can share all things with them whether you feel good or bad. A sympathetic person feels sorry for someone who is in a bad situation and he never tease or laugh at your misfortune.

If you have friends who have these qualities, you must spend more time with them. Because they have the qualities of a good friend, they are worthy your effort to make friends with. (14/信毓)

3.

A good friend must have some essential qualities. First, he must be a good listener. As a good friend, he will listen to your problems patiently and willingly. He will find a good solution to your problem. Second, he must be an honest person. If he isn't, you should break up with him. Every one doesn't like the feeling of being cheated. A person who tells lies frequently is not a good guy. You should part with this kind of friend as soon as possible. Third, he must be sincere to be your friend. In our society, many people make friends based on "money." He may not like you, but he really loves your money. Well goes the proverb, "Prosperity makes friend, adversity tries them." In adversity, many people will reveal their real personalities and you can easily tell which one is a fair-weather friend while which one is a bosom friend.

To sum up, it is very easy to be a good friend. Following the mentioned tips, you will find a good friends soon.(14/承浩)

4.

It is difficult to imagine what life would be like if we live without friends. However, which one should we make friends with?

First, he must share the interest with you so that you don't feel bored when you get along with him because there are so many common topics for you to talk about, and furthermore, you both can engage in the activity which appeals to you both together, like playing basketball, going window shopping or seeing movies.

Second, he should be informative. A learned friend is like a book, which can broaden your horizon, provide you with an abundance of knowledge, and enrich you life as well.

And the most important of all, he should be honest to you. If there are lies and suspicion between you and your friends, it is nearly impossible for you to sustain the friendship. Only when you trust each other and never doubt your friend's sincerity, which is the power to stabilize the bridge built between your heart and your friend's, do you win a valuable friendship.(14/柏宇)