Friends and friendship ESL lesson plan (B1)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- How did you meet your oldest friend?
- What makes someone a good friend?
- Have you ever lost contact with a friend? What happened?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
acquaintance	a person you know a little, but not well	He's an acquaintance from work.
close friend	a friend you know very well	Only my close friends know.
circle of friends	the group of people you are friends with	I have a small circle of friends.
loyal	always supporting your friends	She's a very loyal friend.
reliable	someone you can trust to do what they say	He's always on time. He's very reliable.
supportive	giving help and encouragement	My friends were very supportive when I was ill.
fall out	to stop being friends after an argument	We fell out over money.
make up	to become friends again after an argument	They argued but made up the next day.
get along	to have a friendly relationship (American English)	My kids get along really well.
count on	to trust someone to help you	You can always count on me.

Speaking (15 min): Introduce your friend

The learner introduces a real friend as if you were going to meet them tomorrow: how they met, three adjectives with an example for each and one thing you should not mention. You ask two follow-up questions.

Useful language

- We've known each other for... / since...
- We have a lot in common.
- She's easy-going / reliable / good fun.
- We get on really well.
- to keep in touch · to fall out · to make up · to catch up
- I can always count on...

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about friends and friendship using at least six words from the lesson.
- Self-study: the B1 friends and friendship vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

gossip · jealous · got back in touch · let me down · looked up to · lonely · peer pressure · bond

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. We _____ on Facebook.
2. Teenagers often feel _____.
3. They have a strong _____.
4. I felt _____ when I moved.
5. They _____ about everyone.
6. She's _____ of her friend's success.
7. Please don't _____.
8. I've always _____ my older cousin.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Is it harder to make friends as an adult?
2. Tell me about something a friend did for you that you will never forget.
3. Can you be friends with someone who thinks very differently from you?
4. How do you keep in touch with friends who live far away?
5. What do your friends say about you?

Write

Write 80–120 words about friends and friendship. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 got back in touch · 2 peer pressure · 3 bond · 4 lonely · 5 gossip · 6 jealous · 7 let me down · 8 looked up to