Bridge

• Is it important to have friends?

Yes, it's very important to have friends. If you don't have friends... life can be boring / you feel lonely / you have no one to share experiences with / have fun with. Having friends is important, but it's not as important as family. I think having friends is not the most important thing in the world.

• What (qualities) do you look for in a friend?

A friend is someone who... is loyal / you can trust / is kind / is caring / is fun to be with / is interesting / is helpful / is reliable / is understanding / likes me for who I am / has the same interests as me. A real friend is someone you can... argue with and it doesn't matter / talk to about anything without them judging you / depend on in an emergency. I don't like people who are selfish / unkind / thoughtless / mean / uncaring / boring.

• Do you find it easy to make new friends?

I do / don't find it easy to make friends. I... am a shy person so it's hard for me to get to know new people / don't like being in a big group where I don't know anyone / prefer having one or two really close friends. I... like meeting people / enjoy talking to strangers / like hanging out with a big group of friends.

• Where do you find and meet friends?

Normally I meet friends at school or through other people. Sometimes I meet new friends... at parties / when I go out / at an after-school club / doing an after-school hobby. I... play tennis / play football / go to a dance club and meet people there. I meet people online who have the same interests as me.

• How often do you meet friends online and how often in person?

I see my friends every day at school and we sometimes meet after school as well, to... go to after-school clubs / hang out. I meet my friends every weekend to... go to the cinema / go to parties / play football / go dancing. I only have time to meet my friends... while at school / during holidays / at weekends. I chat online to my friends... every night / all the time / once a week / only at weekends. It's important to see friends in person, not just online. I meet my friends in person and online; it's the same. I only meet my friends online as I don't have time to see friends after school.

Do you use social networking sites to keep in touch or make new friends?

Yes, I use social networking sites. No, I don't have a Facebook account. I... use my Facebook account all the time / hardly ever use Facebook / never use social networking sites. I have lots of friends online /

I am only friends with people I know offline / I have hundreds of online friends. I think it's... a good way to meet new people / a great way of keeping in touch with lots of people that you might not be able to meet up with / a good way of meeting people from around the country / the world. I think it's... important to only have friends online that you know offline / safer to know people in person first.

• What is more important, family or friends?

I think... family is the most important thing / they will always be there for you / your family is part of who you are. It depends on... how close you are to your family / whether you get on with your family. Sometimes your family... don't care about you / treat you badly and so friends become really important. As you get older you might have more in common with your friends than your family.

• Do you get on with your family?

I... get on really well with / like my family. I... don't get on well with / hate / have a difficult relationship with my family. I get on well with my grandparents but not my parents / brother / sister. My siblings and I are very close. I argue a lot with my parents. I don't see my extended family, like my grandparents / cousins / aunts / uncles very much.

• What can you tell me about your family?

I live with my parents / in a nuclear family with my mum, dad and brother / sister. My parents are... still together / separated / divorced. I have a stepmother / stepfather / stepbrothers / stepsisters. I live in an extended family. I live with my grandparents. My brother / sister is... younger / older than me / has already moved away to live on his / her own.

• What do you look for in a partner?

She / he has to... be friendly / have a nice smile / be kind / be trustworthy / be fun / be intelligent / be good looking / be a nice person / be someone who can make me laugh / be someone romantic. I look for someone... with whom I have lots in common / who is the opposite of me. I don't want anyone who... is unkind / rude / mean / cheats / is not supportive.

Do you think you'll settle down with a partner / have a family?

Yes, one day. I'd like to eventually have a family and children. It's important to me. I don't want to... be married / be in a relationship / have children. I see how many problems it causes. I want to be independent. I'm too young to think about... having a long-term partner / getting married / having children. I want to travel / have fun / have a career / go to university / do other things first.















