

Friends Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Phonetic Transcription	Definition
A friend in need	ə frɛnd ɪn niːd	A friend who requires help
Acquaintance	əkwɛɪntəns	A person you know but isn't close enough to be called a friend
To befriend	tuː bɪfrɛnd	To make somebody your friend
BFF - best friend forever (bestie)	bɪː-ɛf-ɛf	A very close friend
Buddy	bʌdi	A close friend (American English)
Childhood friend	tʃaɪldhʊd frɛnd	A friend you made when you were young
Chum	tʃʌm	Informal and old-fashioned way to say friend
Close knit	kləʊs nɪt	Bound together by a very strong relationship
Companion	kəmˈpænjən	A person with whom you spend a lot of time, not necessarily as close as a friend
Enemy	ɛnəmi	A strong word for a person you dislike or see as your opposite
Frenemy	frɛnəmi	A person who is considered a friend despite a rivalry
Good / close / best friend	ɡʊd / kləʊs / bɛst frɛnd	Different scales of friendship
Keep in touch / lose touch	kiːp ɪn tʌtʃ / luːz tʌtʃ	To remain in contact with / lose contact with a person
Mate	meɪt	A friend (British English)

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Mutual friend	m ju:tʃuəl frɛnd	A friend in common that two people both know
Pal	pæl	Informal and old-fashioned way to say friend
Penpal	p ɛnpæl	A person who becomes your friend through writing messages, typically from a foreign country
Platonic	plə t ɒnɪk	A friendship without any romantic feelings
To quarrel	tu: k wɒrəl	To fight and disagree about something
To shout	tu: ʃaʊt	To raise the volume of your voice, typically angrily
Soul mate	səʊl meɪt	A person who is ideally suited to you
To treat sb well/ badly	tu: tri:t .. wɛl/ b ædli	To have a good/bad behaviour towards somebody