

Family and friends

Pre-intermediate

A Talk to your classmates about family and friends. Write the names of the students who answer 'yes' to your questions. Ask extra questions to find out more.

Example:

A: *Do you have a best friend who is also a member of your family?*

B: *Yes, I do. I think my cousin Ana is my best friend.*

A: *Really? What kind of person is she?*

Find someone who ...

Name

1 has a best friend who is also a member of their family.

2 gets on very well with their grandparents.

3 hasn't got a lot in common with their cousins.

4 knows a family that is not at all typical.

5 has friends from very different backgrounds.

6 has a best friend who lives in a different country.

7 keeps in touch with a friend they met more than ten years ago.

8 has used a website to contact old friends.

9 has a neighbour they get on very well with.

10 feels they have a lot in common with someone famous.

B Compare your answers to Part A with your group. Which answers were most surprising?

C Tick (✓) the quotations you think are true about family, friends or neighbours. With your group, discuss your choices and agree which three quotations are most true.

- a The only way to have a good friend is to be a good friend yourself.
- b We wouldn't have any friends if we heard everything we said about each other.
- c It's the friends you can call at four o'clock in the morning that are important.
- d To find a friend you must close one eye; to keep a friend you must close two.
- e It's no good trying to keep old friends. The fact is, one grows out of people.
- f Your true family are not always the members of your real family.
- g The happy times you spend with your family will be the happiest in your life.
- h Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close family ... in another city.
- i A good neighbour smiles at you over the fence, but doesn't climb over the fence.
- j It is easier to think you love all humanity than to really love your neighbour.