

SKILLS TEST 6

Standard

READING

1 Read the article. Tick [✓] the things the writer talks about.

How important are friends? – Your opinion!

By Sarah W

A few years ago, I had many friends from around the world. I had over 200! At the moment, however, I only have three good friends.

First of all, I think it's important to have friends.

However, it's not important to have lots of them. A few years ago, I thought it looked good to have hundreds of friends online. It was like a hobby – collecting friends!

I loved it when I posted a photo online, or a funny joke, and got hundreds of 'likes'. And I knew it made other people – like my brother – jealous, when I got more 'likes' than they did. It was like a competition.

One day, I was in a café with four or five friends. I liked going there, but all I wanted to do was check my phone. My friends thought I was boring, because I didn't talk with them. Soon, they went away, and I was alone in the café.

I wanted lots of friends, but I was actually a bad friend. I only thought about myself.

So, after that, I decided to look after my real friends – the people I know in real life. I decided that the most important thing is to be nice to other people. Of course, I still like posting my photos online, but I don't worry about how many 'likes' I get.

So, now I only have a few friends, and when I meet them in the café, I put my phone away! I'm happy when I spend time with them.

She talks about ...

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| 0 | how many friends she had. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 | how many friends she has now. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | how many hobbies she had. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | how she felt when she got 'likes'. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | what she did in a café. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | why some friends didn't want to stay with her. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | why she wasn't a good friend. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | a change she made. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | why she doesn't like people in real life. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

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| 0 | In the past, the writer wanted to have lots of friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 | Now, she has over 200 friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | She doesn't want to have any friends now. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | She likes putting photos on the internet now. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | She doesn't like going to cafés to see her friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | She didn't think it was important to have lots of 'likes' on the internet. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | She lost some friends because she didn't think about them. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | She wants to be a good friend to other people now. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | She doesn't use her phone when she is with her friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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LISTENING

3  Listen to a conversation about how two people met. Put the events in the correct order (1–8).

- A John started selling magazines.
B 7 John lost his home.
C John asked Annie to buy his magazine.
D John did something very generous.
E Annie and John decided something about their future.
F Annie met a man with no home.
G Annie and John became good friends.
H Annie felt very bad, because she wanted to be helpful.

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4  Listen again and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

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| 1 John lived on the streets because
A he had no home.
B he had a bad home.
C he wanted to make money. | 5 Annie didn't have any money because she
A didn't want to live in a cold, dark flat.
B didn't have a job.
C gave it all to John. |
| 2 He sold magazines to
A people with no homes.
B make enough money to sleep in a hotel.
C buy a bed. | 6 John didn't want Annie to be sad, so he gave her
A a job.
B a magazine.
C all his money. |
| 3 Annie stopped walking because
A John said something to her.
B she wanted to look at John.
C she didn't have any money. | 7 Annie and John met each other again
A after one year.
B many times.
C at a wedding. |
| 4 She cried because she
A didn't want to buy John's magazine.
B was so happy to meet John.
C wanted to buy John's magazine. | 8 One month ago, they decided to
A start a friendship.
B be together all their lives.
C meet again. |

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WRITING

5 Write a blog post (about 60 words) about someone you met for the first time. Use the questions below to help you.

- Who was the person? (Was it your best friend, or another friend?)
- When and where did you meet?
- What did you do together?
- How was the other person? (happy, confident, intelligent, generous)

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SPEAKING

6 Choose one of the topics below. Talk about it for one minute.

- Tell me something about your best friend.
- When do you feel annoyed or angry?
- What do you think is really interesting or amazing?
- Tell me something about your home.

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TOTAL SCORE	70
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