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Answers



Family

Our family, or relatives are people we are connected to through some form of kinship, whether it is through blood (such as with parents, brothers and sisters), marriage (such as non-blood aunts and uncles or step-parents) romantic relationships (such as a parent's girlfriend or boyfriend) or adoption. Family includes siblings and parents who you may see every day growing up, and other relatives such as cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents who you may not see quote so frequently. Families come in many different forms, for example single-parent families, step families, homes with gay and lesbian parents etc.

Friends

Friends are people who we are not related to but choose to interact with. Friends are people we trust, respect, care about and feel that we can confide in and want to spend time with. A good friendship should be built on honesty, support and loyalty.

A friendship is a reciprocal relationship; for it to exist, both people must see each other as a friend. There are varying degrees of friendship. You may find that you feel closer to some friends than others. This is perfectly normal.

Acquaintances

Acquaintances are people you may encounter regularly, but who are not friends or relatives. For example, they may be a neighbour who lives in your road that you say "hello" to if you see them in passing, or a work colleague or someone you have seen a few times at a social event but do not yet know well.

It is important to be polite and respectful to acquaintances as having harmonious relationships with people around you, such as work colleagues, people from college, neighbours etc is an important way of avoiding stress or conflict

Romantic

A romantic relationship is one in which you feel very strongly attracted to the other person, both to their personality and, often, also physically. This is reciprocated by the other person in the relationship.

People in a romantic relationship will see each other very often and when apart frequently stay in contact, for example by phone. Some people in romantic relationships live together. A romantic relationship is the closest form of relationship and the two people involved will often describe themselves as being attracted to each other and/or "in love".