

Reading

1a Match the problems and the answers.

- 1 I've got a problem with my best friend. He met some other kids at a club he goes to after school. They're awful. They laugh at me, because they don't think I'm cool. Now he doesn't want to be my friend at school any more. But we've known each other for ten years! We've always done everything together. What should I do?

Sam

- 2 My friend has started wearing really terrible clothes. She looks awful, but she thinks she looks great. I'm afraid our friends might start laughing about her. Should I tell her what I really think?

Beth

- 3 I said something nasty to my friend. I feel really bad about it. Now my friend won't talk to me. I want us to be friends again, but she wants to find new friends.

Caroline

- a) *Sometimes friends say the wrong things. Nobody can be nice all the time! But you must understand. You've made your friend sad, and you will have to wait for your friend to feel better about it. Then I'm sure things will be the same between you again.*
- b) *Don't do anything. Your friend has to choose – you, or the new friends. Your friend has always liked you, and you haven't changed. But you cannot make him be your friend.*
- c) *Why? Mind your own business! Friends should be understanding. Sometimes being honest isn't the best thing to be.*

1b Write Sam, Beth or Caroline. You might have to write more than one name.

Who ...

- 1 is sorry about something they did?
- 2 thinks other kids might make fun of their friend?
- 3 wants to tell a friend the truth?
- 4 has got a friend who has found new friends?
- 5 has got a problem?
- 6 wants a friend back?

2 Circle for or since.

- 1 I've had my new phone **for / since** two weeks.
- 2 They haven't made a new album **for / since** 2005.
- 3 My mother has had the same haircut **for / since** ten years!
- 4 Ivor hasn't been back to Russia **for / since** 1991.
- 5 Have you lived here **for / since** a long time?
- 6 It's been two years **for / since** we saw our cousins in the USA.
- 7 It hasn't stopped raining **for / since** last Monday.
- 8 I've been at this school **for / since** five years.

3. Write the correct words or phrases.

awful fight honest laughing Me too mind

A: I feel bad about the ¹ we had yesterday.

B: ² I'm sorry I said something nasty to you.

A: I wanted to be ³ with you about your stud. You see, all the other students are ⁴ about it. But it was wrong of me to tell you the truth. Friends should ⁵ their own business sometimes!

B: No, I don't agree. I'm glad you told me how ⁶ it looks. I won't wear it any more.

4. Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

business get angry haircut honest meet own talk understanding

How to be a good friend

- It's nice to ¹ new friends, so be friendly to people you don't know well.
- Your friends might not always want to ² to you about everything. Sometimes, you have to mind your own ³ !
- If a friend does better than you in a test, say, 'Well done!' Don't ⁴ That's not what a good friend should do!
- If your friend has a new ⁵ and you don't like it, don't tell your friend the truth. Sometimes it's better not to be ⁶
- When you are older, you'll find new friends, too. If this happens to you and your friend, you should both be ⁷ about it. Remember, you don't ⁸ your friend!

Reading

1a Match the problems and the answers.

1 I've got a problem with my best friend. He met some other kids at a club he goes to after school. They're awful. They laugh at me, because they don't think I'm cool. Now he doesn't want to be my friend at school any more. But we've known each other for ten years! We've always done everything together. What should I do?

Sam

2 My friend has started wearing really terrible clothes. She looks awful, but she thinks she looks great. I'm afraid our friends might start laughing about her. Should I tell her what I really think?

Beth

3 I said something nasty to my friend. I feel really bad about it. Now my friend won't talk to me. I want us to be friends again, but she wants to find new friends.

Caroline

- a) *Sometimes friends say the wrong things. Nobody can be nice all the time! But you must understand. You've made your friend sad, and you will have to wait for your friend to feel better about it. Then I'm sure things will be the same between you again.*
- b) *Don't do anything. Your friend has to choose – you, or the new friends. Your friend has always liked you, and you haven't changed. But you cannot make him be your friend.*
- c) *Why? Mind your own business! Friends should be understanding. Sometimes being honest isn't the best thing to be.*

1b Write Sam, Beth or Caroline. You might have to write more than one name.

Who ...

- 1 is sorry about something they did? *Caroline*
- 2 thinks other kids might make fun of their friend? *Beth*
- 3 wants to tell a friend the truth? *Beth*
- 4 has got a friend who has found new friends? *Sam*
- 5 has got a problem? *Sam, Caroline, Beth*
- 6 wants a friend back? *Sam, Caroline*

2 Circle for or since.

- 1 I've had my new phone **for** since two weeks.
- 2 They haven't made a new album **for / since** 2005.
- 3 My mother has had the same haircut **for** since ten years!
- 4 Ivor hasn't been back to Russia **for / since** 1991.
- 5 Have you lived here **for** since a long time?
- 6 It's been two years **for / since** we saw our cousins in the USA.
- 7 It hasn't stopped raining **for / since** last Monday.
- 8 I've been at this school **for** since five years.

3. Write the correct words or phrases.

awful fight honest laughing Me too mind

A: I feel bad about the ¹ *fight* we had yesterday.

B: ² *Me too* I'm sorry I said something nasty to you.

A: I wanted to be ³ *honest* with you about your stud. You see, all the other students are ⁴ *laughing* about it. But it was wrong of me to tell you the truth. Friends should ⁵ *mind* their own business sometimes!

B: No, I don't agree. I'm glad you told me how ⁶ *awful* it looks. I won't wear it any more.

4. Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

business get angry haircut honest meet own talk understanding

How to be a good friend

- It's nice to ¹ *meet* new friends, so be friendly to people you don't know well.
- Your friends might not always want to ² *talk* to you about everything. Sometimes, you have to mind your own ³ *business* !
- If a friend does better than you in a test, say, 'Well done!' Don't ⁴ *get angry* That's not what a good friend should do!
- If your friend has a new ⁵ *haircut* and you don't like it, don't tell your friend the truth. Sometimes it's better not to be ⁶ *honest*
- When you are older, you'll find new friends, too. If this happens to you and your friend, you should both be ⁷ *understanding* about it. Remember, you don't ⁸ *own* your friend!