

Let's talk about...

FRIENDS



A. Pronunciation

A Friend

*A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure, for friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy and grace.
A friend makes the world we live in, a better and happier place.*

B. Target Vocabulary

Meeting Friends	
<i>Asking about availability</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Got any plans for tomorrow/next Saturday? - Are you doing anything tonight/on Sunday? - Have you got anything planned this weekend? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What's on the cards for today? ➤ If something is on the cards (BrE) / in the cards (AmE), it means that it is very likely to happen.
<i>Inviting</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Let's go to newly-opened café. - How about going to see a movie? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Let's hang out tonight/tomorrow/this weekend/on Thursday.
<i>Agreeing to meet</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sure, I'd love to. - That works for me. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great! I'll be there! - You can count me in!
<i>Finding a better time to meet</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm not free today, but how about Wednesday? - I can't make it this weekend. Can we try next week? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm sorry. I'm not available at 3 PM. - Sorry, I can't make it at 1 PM. Let's try to meet at 4 instead.

Idiomatic Expressions		
1. Get on like a house on fire	When two people like each other very much and become friends quickly.	I was worried I would not get along with my roommate, but we get on like a house on fire . We have so much fun.
2. Thick as thieves	When two people are very close friends who are very loyal to each other.	Chris always takes Danny's side. They're as thick as thieves .
3. Keep at arm's length	When you do not allow yourself to become too friendly with other people.	It's not easy to become friends with her; she tends to keep everyone at arm's length .
4. Fair-weathered friend	A friend who supports others only when it is easy and convenient to do so.	I thought Peter would always be there for me, but when I got into trouble, he turned out to be a fair-weather friend .
5. Through thick and thin	Under all circumstances, no matter how difficult.	We have been friends for 10 years, through thick and thin .