

International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Friendship

Choose the quotations and questions your group would like to discuss.

Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends. ~Czech Proverb

What do you think this proverb is saying?

What are friends for?

What do you usually do with your friends?

What makes friends different from family?

How does one make friends?

Where do you typically meet new friends?

There is nothing like the razor sharp tongue of a good friend to cut through the lies we tell ourselves. ~Laura Moncur (1969 -), Merriton, 02-25-09

What do you think this author is saying?

How close do you get to your friends?

What is a best friend?

Do you have a “best friend” and if so, why would you say that person is your best friend?

How long have you known your best friend?

Where did you meet and what did you have in common?

What is your best friend like?

“Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity (difficulty) before it is entitled to the appellation (the name of ‘friend’.)” ~George Washington (1732 – 1799)

Washington suggests that going through a difficult time with a friend will either build your friendship or destroy it. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

Are there any famous stories of friendship in your culture?

What qualities do you think are important in a friend?

How do you maintain a good friendship?

What factors may result in the breakdown of a good friendship?

Has a friend ever let you down?