

Topic: Friends

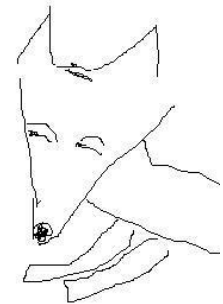
Let's get started . . Describe a friend from your childhood.



Story: Once there was a little prince, living on a planet far away. One day he traveled to earth, looking for friends. There he met a fox. The fox said, "I can not play with you. I am not tamed. To me, you are nothing more than a little boy who is like a hundred thousand other little boys. And I have no need of you. And you, on your part, have no need of me. To you, I am nothing more than a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. **But if you tame me, then we shall need each other.** To me, you will be unique in all the world. To you, I will be unique in all the world. If you want a friend, tame me."

"What must I do, to tame you?" asked the little prince.

"You must be very patient", replied the fox. "First you will sit down at a little distance from me - like that - in the grass. I shall look at you out of the corner of my eye, and you will say nothing. But you will sit a little closer to me, every day . . ."



The next day the little prince came back.

"It would have been better to come at the same hour," said the fox. If, for example, you come at four o'clock in the afternoon, then at three o'clock I shall begin to be happy. But if you come at just any time, I shall never know at what hour my heart is to be ready to greet you."¹



In pairs for 10 minutes, talk about this:

What do you think of this story?

Do you agree or disagree that it would be good to come at the same hour of the day? Do you agree or disagree with the fox's reasons for this? Explain.

Share your partner's answers with the group.

Draw a picture of a close friend on this piece of paper. When you are done, turn to one other person and tell your friend's name, how you met, and what you do together.

Discussion Questions - talk in pairs or small groups:

Take turns describing friends. You may answer some of the questions in the box below, if you want. Describe a friend . . .

- . . . you've known for a very long time
- . . . you've known for a very short time
- . . . you met in a foreign country
- . . . you have lost contact with
- . . . you miss very much

When you describe a friend, you can tell about some of these things or other things:

What is his/her name?

How did you become friends?

Where and when did you meet?

Where does he or she live now?

When did you last talk to him or her?

What was a memorable event or time with your friend?

What do you like about your friend?

What kind of things do you talk about?

What kind of things do you do together?

Has your friend ever done anything to make you mad?



How would one of your friends describe **you**?

New vocabulary: prince, planet, earth, fox, tamed, unique, patient, lost contact with, miss, mad

Keep talking about it this week: Ask one person to describe a close friend. Write down their response and be ready to share with the group at the next Talk Time.

More about *The Little Prince* at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Little_Prince

¹Antoine de Saint Exupéry, **The Little Prince** (New York and London: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 1971), p. 84