

The Pillars of Friendship: A Reflective Guide

Learning objective: To understand the characteristics of healthy friendships and reflect on how to be a supportive and reliable friend.

Read the opening passage carefully. Use the questions below to build a detailed reflection on what friendship means to you. Use the word bank to help develop your vocabulary and ensure your writing flows smoothly.

Friendship is like a garden; it requires patience, kindness, and regular care to help it flourish and grow strong over time.

Word bank: trustworthy · empathy · mutual respect · loyalty · constructive · considerate · harmonious · furthermore · consequently · in addition to · nevertheless

1. Identify three essential qualities of a good friend. Explain why each quality is necessary for a long-lasting relationship. (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast a casual acquaintance with a close friend. What makes the bond between close friends unique? (3 marks)

3. Justify your answer: Is it more important to have many friends or a few very close friends? Give reasons for your opinion. (3 marks)

4. Describe a time when you had a disagreement with a friend. How did you resolve the situation effectively to keep the friendship intact? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if a friendship lacks honesty or trust? Discuss the potential consequences for both people involved. (3 marks)

6. Create a 'Friendship Charter' for your class. List three rules that would ensure everyone feels included and valued. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a new student joining your school. Write a persuasive paragraph explaining what makes your class a supportive community and how they can contribute to it.