

Reading

1. Read the article. Which kinds of friends do you have?

Four Types of Friends

What is special about each of your friends? Why are your friends important to you? Do you ever think about having more friends? If so, you might want to consider looking for friends like these:

- The Different Friend – This person’s life is very different from yours. Maybe you like soccer and he hates sports. Or she has six brothers and sisters and you don’t have any. The Different Friend helps you see things from another point of view. You can learn about other ways of living from this type of friend.
- The Opposite Sex Friend – Most of our friends are of our own sex. However, becoming friends with a member of the opposite sex—but not dating them—can be a valuable experience. It can help you see what’s important to them and understand how they think. This might help you get along a lot better with your boyfriend or girlfriend.
- The Joker Friend – This person may not be the most sensitive or understanding person. However, jokers are always ready to laugh. When life gets difficult, we can all use a joker.
- The Childhood Friend – This person has known you all your life. He or she knows who you were, as well as who you are. You may not speak to this person often, but a childhood friend will always understand you in a very special way.

2. Answer these questions about the reading.

1. What can you learn from “The Different Friend”?

You can learn about other ways of living.

2. Should you date your “Opposite Sex Friend”?

3. What can you learn from an “Opposite Sex Friend”?

4. Is the “Joker Friend” usually very sensitive?

5. What does the “Childhood Friend” know about you?

