

## International Day of Friendship

Did you know that there's a special day to celebrate our friends? Read the article to find out about the International Day of Friendship!

### Instructions

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the article and do the other exercises.

### Preparation

Match the definitions (a-h) with the vocabulary (1-8).

#### Vocabulary

1. ...g... to judge someone
2. .... to value someone or something
3. .... to be yourself
4. .... loyal
5. .... to tell the truth
6. .... the United Nations
7. .... peacefully
8. .... a friendship bracelet

#### Definition

- a. to act naturally and be how you really are, not how other people want you to be
- b. to say the real facts and not tell lies
- c. an international organisation that tries to help solve world problems
- d. a decoration you make for someone to show they're your friend, and which they wear on their arm
- e. always giving someone help and support
- f. to think that someone or something is important
- g. ~~to have a negative and often unfair opinion of someone~~
- h. in a quiet and calm way, with no violence

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Good friends are really important for our happiness. They share good times with us – we have fun together, laugh together and they make us smile. But good friends are also there for us when things aren't so great. They listen to us, help us and support us through difficult times.

### What makes a good friend?

A good friend is always there for you, whatever happens. They don't judge you – they accept you, value you and respect you for who you are. You can be yourself when you're around them. A good friend is kind, loyal and honest and isn't afraid to tell you the truth, even if it's difficult. You enjoy spending time together and maybe share some hobbies or interests.

### What is the International Day of Friendship?

Friendship is so important that, in 2011, the United Nations decided to make a special day for it! The International Day of Friendship takes place on 30 July every year. The idea is that friendship between different groups of people, countries and cultures can help us live more peacefully together.

### Friendship Days around the world

The International Day of Friendship on 30 July is not the only day celebrating friendship around the world. Some countries celebrate on different days. For example, Argentina, Brazil and Spain celebrate Friend's Day on 20 July, and in India and the USA, they celebrate it on the first Sunday in August. In Finland and Estonia, people celebrate Friendship Day on the same day as Valentine's Day, 14 February.

### What do people do on the International Day of Friendship?

The main aim of the International Day of Friendship is to show your friends that you care about them and that you value their friendship. You could make a card or write a note telling them why they're such a great friend. You could make them a small present, such as a friendship bracelet, or bake a cake for them. Whatever you do on this day, it's a time to have fun and celebrate with friends, and perhaps make some new ones! Happy International Day of Friendship!

## Tasks

### Task 1

Circle true or false for these sentences.

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| 1. Good friends make us laugh and smile.  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 2. Good friends are only important when you're having fun.                                  | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 3. Good friends prefer to lie to you than to say something you don't like.                  | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 4. The International Day of Friendship started in 2021.                                     | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 5. Different countries have different days to celebrate friendship.                         | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 6. You need to buy your friend an expensive present on the International Day of Friendship. | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |

### Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

yourself	peacefully	care	friend	happiness	help
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- Good friends are really important for our ..... happiness .....
- Good friends ..... us in difficult times.
- When you're with good friends, you can be .....
- Friendship can help people live more ..... together.
- On the International Day of Friendship, we show friends that we ..... about them.
- You could write a card or note to tell someone why they're a good .....

**Write and draw**

Why are friends important for you? What do you like doing with your friends? Write about it and draw a picture.

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## Answers

### Preparation task

1. g
2. f
3. a
4. e
5. b
6. c
7. h
8. d

### Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False

### Task 2

1. happiness
2. help
3. yourself
4. peacefully
5. care
6. friend