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Friend and Family Relationships

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Level: Pre-Intermediate at a private language center.

Aims: Introduce will for future intentions or predictions

Communication: Unable students to talk about their future intentions and predictions.

Time: 90-minute class

## Unit 1: ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

### 1- Discuss the following questions.

Do you have many friends?

Is it easy to make friends where you live?

Do your friends live near you?

Where are they from?

How do you communicate with them?

How can you know that a friendship is forever?

### 2- Look at the picture and read the text printed on it.



Do you  
you  
are for  
How

have friends  
could say they  
lifetime?  
did you meet

your best friend?

**3- Listen and read the lyrics. Fill in the gaps with the following words.**

guide\_stars \_ always\_ friendship (2x) \_ Memories\_ Together(2x) \_ way

True Friendship/Maria Arredondo

We pretended  
That our lives had ended  
And we played among the \_\_\_\_\_  
Let that playground, turn into a space crusader;  
Together we would save the world

Young children bonding into eternal \_\_\_\_\_

You will be my friend  
Nothing time can change  
\_\_\_\_\_ till the end  
Memories will bond us;  
Together all the way  
You're in my heart to stay,  
True friendship never dies

In my mind, I will have your picture painted  
Then I can \_\_\_\_\_ be with you  
Another time, another place, a new dimension  
We'll apart but never alone no no

Different places, Getting older, Far apart  
But you will always

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Together till the end  
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I'll be there  
Whenever you're in need  
I'll take you through the fear  
Like I know you would for me  
If you ever lose your way, I'll be your \_\_\_\_\_  
Coz I'm your friend forever

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#### 4- Find words in the song that rhyme with these words.

1- Way /weɪ/ \_\_\_\_\_ 2-change/tʃeɪndʒ/ \_\_\_\_\_

3- Till /tɪl/ \_\_\_\_\_ 4- ended /en.dɪd/ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5\_ HELP WITH GRAMMAR.

**TIP: Will is used to express future intention or prediction.**

**Study the following sentences. Then complete the rule.**

a\_ **You will** be my friend.

b\_ **Will you** be my friend forever?

c\_ **Our friendship won't** end.

D\_ what **will you** do tomorrow?

1\_ You use subject+ \_\_\_\_\_ +verb to make affirmative sentences in the Simple Future.

2\_ You use \_\_\_\_\_ +subject+verb to make yes/no questions in the Simple Future.

3\_ You use subject+ \_\_\_\_\_ (or)will not+verb to make negative sentences in the Simple Future.

4\_ You use wh-word+\_\_\_\_\_+subject+verb to make wh-questions in the Simple Future.

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**Fill in the table.**

| QUESTIONS   | SHORT ANSWERS   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>You</b><br/><b>they</b><br/><b>Will</b> <b>he</b> be my friend forever?<br/><b>she</b><br/><b>she</b><br/><b>it</b></p> | <p><b>You</b><br/><b>they</b><br/><b>Yes,</b> <b>he</b> _____<br/><b>No,</b> <b>she</b> _____<br/><b>it</b></p> |

**6\_ Write about your future intentions.**

1- What will you do when you graduate?

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2-Do you intend to study abroad? If yes, say where and when. If no say about your plans.

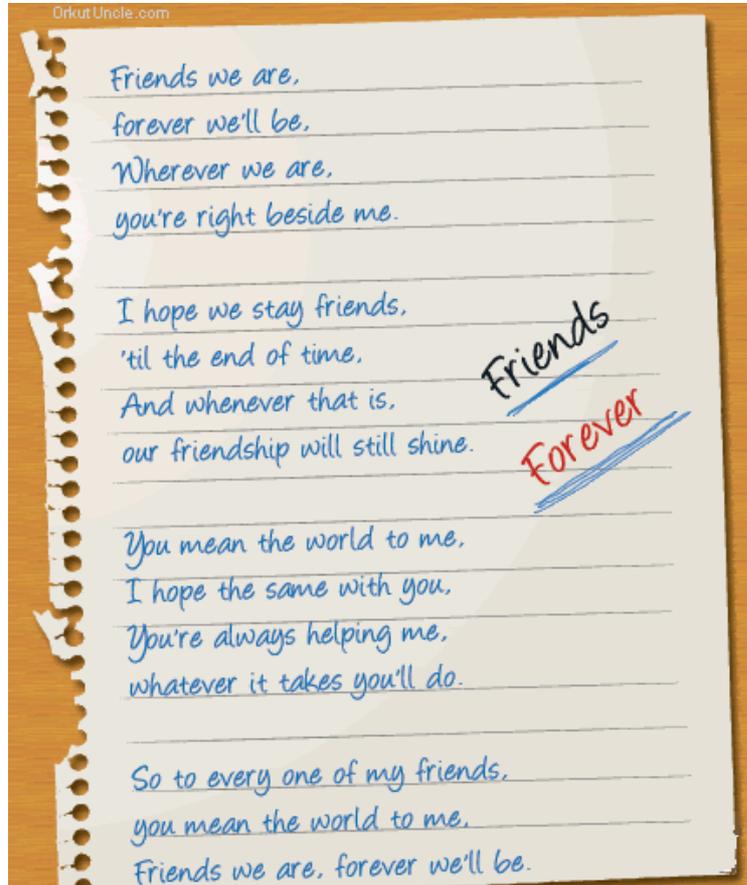
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3- What are your plans for your next holiday?

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**Reading and writing**

<http://www.google.com.br/search?tbm=isch&hl=pt-BR&source=hp&biw=1366&bih=503&q=friends+forever>



## 7-Text

### comprehension:

1- What is the main idea of the first stanza?

- A) They promise to be side by side forever.
- B) They intend to be friends even if they are far from each other.
- C) They will stop being friends if one of them moves away.

2- In stanza 3, the writer says: "You mean the world to me, I hope the same with you...". It means...

- A) there is nobody else in the world.
- B) everybody is his/her friend.
- C) the friend is very important for him/her.

## 8\_ Describe what a good friendship is.

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Exercise 2:

The teacher can explore the picture and ask the students to describe it. Then they can read the small text printed on it and talk about their good friendship. There are two questions to help the teacher to conduct the conversation about the picture. But many others can be done according to the class atmosphere.

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## Evaluation and further activity

1-Look at the Picture and read the text. Mark (F) false or (T) true.



- a) (    ) The writer wants to tie his best friend so that he will never apart from him.
- b) (    ) The writer says that friends are as light as the balloons.
- c) (    ) The writer says that it is important to always be in touch with friends.
- d) (    ) The writer says he will keep his friend in his heart, so that even if his friend is far he will feel him close.
- e) (    ) The writer says that if your friends move away your friendship ends.

2\_ Imagine you have to move to another place. You will probably miss your friends. Write a funny card about your friendship.

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### Exercise 2 part A

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| Wh-word | auxiliary | subject | verb | complement          |
|---------|-----------|---------|------|---------------------|
| What    | do        | they    | do   | in their free time? |

### Part B

Students work in pairs and take turns to ask and answer the questions. Encourage students to give more information and ask more questions if possible. Ask students to share interesting information with the class.

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How many brothers or sisters does Pancho have?

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If you have a small group you can ask them to tell the class about their families. If it's a big group you can ask them to form small groups and tell each other about their families.

### Exercise 4 Part A

#### Part B

Model and drill what comparative is. Pictures or students can be used to show the class how we can compare people and things.

Eg: Paulo is tall. Pedro is taller

Ask students to read the article again and fill in the table with the words in bold from the article.

The Simpsons are a very big family. Abraham is Homer and Herb's \_\_\_\_\_ . Mona is their \_\_\_\_\_ . Clancy and Jackie are husband and wife. They have three \_\_\_\_\_ Marge, Patty and Selma. Selma has a \_\_\_\_\_. His name is Ling. Marge is Homer's wife and they have three children. One \_\_\_\_\_ and two \_\_\_\_\_. Bart is Lisa and Maggie's \_\_\_\_\_ and they are his \_\_\_\_\_. Patty doesn't have any kids but she's very happy because she has two nieces and two nephews. Ling doesn't have any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ but he has three cousins. They are all easygoing and noisy and love being together.

3\_ Look at the family tree and answer the following questions.

1-How many people are there in the Simpsons' family?

\_\_\_\_\_

2-How many sisters has Bart got?

\_\_\_\_\_

3-Who is older Abraham or Homer?

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Grandfather is a good bowler.**

**Uncle Tom is a better bowler than Grandfather.**

**Dad is the best bowler of all.**

4\_ Use your acquired knowledge and write a small text about your family. Use family words and comparative forms.

*The picture is a hint to help you.*

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### **Theoretical support and Teacher's guide**

The material was prepared considering the communicative approach because the students are provided real life situations in which they don't need to use imaginary situations to produce false conversations. In hope of having the students acquire the language, I considered what STEPHEN KRASHEN said. "Acquisition requires meaningful interaction in the target language - natural communication - in which speakers are concerned not with the form of their utterances but with the messages they are conveying and understanding."

The new directions in the theory of language aired by Chomsky who said that behind this methodology the basic unit of language became not the sentence, but the communicative act. Function rather than form, and meaning rather than pattern determine the designing of materials. Communicative competence rather than grammatical competence is the goal.

Language is tentatively subdivided in areas according to functionality.

The grammar task proposed by those activities, were intended to connect form, meaning and use of the language in the form of the use of will for prediction and future intentions and comparatives. To explain it better, we will quote Larsen-Freeman (2003). According to her, its useful to have a frame of reference when teaching grammar, and the dimensions are: form that consists of the visible or audible units- the sounds, written symbols, inflectional morphemes, function words and syntactic structures; meaning that is the grammar item in isolation, the semantic structure of the language; and pragmatics is the use of the language in real life that reflects the intention of the speaker, it varies according to the social context. The illustration, induction and interaction (I.I.I.) were used in hope to develop activities that could connect the use of the language, to semantic and pragmatics.

Most activities proposed in this work, are trying to teach grammar inductively, in which students study grammar without explaining any rules. Although I also propose some exercises which focus on the practice of applying will and comparatives. When we have proposed a role play activity, we expect students to interact giving meaning to the use of language. The aim of those activities is to focus on form to induct and to promote the comprehension of the linguistic rule.

Another important point to consider nowadays is the Critical Literacy. Paulo Freire who is described in *Education as the Practice of Freedom* points out that Critical Literacy practices grew out of the social justice pedagogy of Brazilian educator and also shows that critical literacy is conceived as a means of empowering underpowered populations against oppression and coercion, frequently seen as enacted by corporate and/or government entities. It starts with the desire to balance social inequities and address societal problems caused by abuse of power. It proceeds from this philosophical basis to examine, analyze, and deconstruct texts. Critical Literacy helps teachers as well as students to explore the relationship between theoretical framework and its practical implications.

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Stars – friendship – together – always – memories – guide – way – together – friendship.

#### **Exercise 4**

1\_ stay

2\_ end

3\_ will

4\_ pretended

#### **Exercise 5**

1\_ will

2\_ will

3\_ won't

4\_ will

#### **Short answers**

Yes, he/she/they/ etc will

No, he/she/they/ etc won't

#### **Exercise 6**

The answers will vary.

#### **Exercise 7**

1- B) They intend to be friends even if they are far from each other.

2- C) the friend is very important for him/her.

The answers will vary.

## Unit 2

### Exercise 1

A-The answers will vary.

B- husband – sons – daughter – sister – uncle – aunt – mother – father

### Exercise 2

A-

- 1- What are your parents' names?
- 2- Do you live together?
- 3- How many brothers and sisters have you got?
- 4- What are they like?
- 5- Are they older than you?
- 6- What do they do in their free time?

B\_ The answers will vary.

C\_ The answers will vary.

### Exercise 3

A\_ brother – sister – parents – father – mother – brothers – sisters

B\_ The answers will vary.

C\_ The answers will vary.

### Exercise 4

A\_ 1\_ It consists of parents and two kids.

2\_ She can help with the homework.

3\_ No, they aren't.

### Exercise 4

A\_ The answers will vary.

B\_ nicer

Bigger

More sociable

Calmer

Better

Brighter

Older

Younger

C\_ • For one syllable adjectives we add er

• For one syllable adjectives ending with e we add r

• For one syllable adjectives ending with a consonant, a vowel and a consonant we double the last consonant and add er

• Two syllable adjectives ending with a **consonant plus y** we drop (-) y and add ies

• Other long adjectives we add more before the adjective.

• good/better; bad/worse; far/further. ***These adjectives are irregular***

Exercise 5

A\_ My father is older than my mom. (old)

B\_ My sister is more intelligent than her classmates. (intelligent)

C\_ My hometown is further from São Paulo than Belo Horizonte. (far)

D\_ I work harder than my brother. (hard)

E\_ I think English is easier than Italian. (easy)

F\_ I think orange juice is better than soda. (good)

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A\_ The answers will vary.

**Evaluation answer key.**

**Unit 1**

**Exercise 1**

D\_ ( ) The writer says he will keep his friend in his heart, so that even if his friend is far he will feel him close.

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The answers will vary.

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The answers will vary.

### **Exercise 4**

1\_ B

2\_ A

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The answers will vary.

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father – mother – daughters – son – son – daughters – brother - sisters – brother – sisters

### **Exercise 3**

1\_ There are thirteen people.

2\_ He has got two.

3\_ Abraham is older than Holmer.

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The answers will vary.

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