


4. Roleplay the story. Student A is *Socrates*, Student B is *One fellow*.

A. Practise reading the story in pairs.

B. Act out the story in pairs.

C. Find 2 volunteer pairs to present the story for the whole class.

D. Choose a more expressive performance with the whole class.

5.  Write about the main secret of a true friendship (8–10 sentences).

Lesson 6. Good friends are like stars

1. Explain the meaning of the following quotation.

Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

2a. Work in three groups. Group A – read text A, group B – read text B, group C – read text C. Make a list of ideas from the texts on how to be a friend.

A. **Be trustworthy.** If they tell you a secret, keep it, never ever, ever, tell someone a secret your friend wanted you to keep. Don't let the cat out of the bag. A secret is a secret. Don't gossip (не сплетничай) about your friend, don't say anything that might turn into gossip (сплетня), and don't do things that you know would upset (расстраивать) them.

Care for your friend. If they're away from home, send them cards or e-mails to show that you care. If they're sick, call them and ask how they are doing. Best friends care about each other. Show them you appreciate them in your life. Write them notes to show that you care and are thankful to them, and ask about their lives.

B. Nobody likes a friend who just talks and talks, but never listens. If you're a chatterbox, it's OK if you're also a **good listener**. Whenever your best friend says something, listen carefully and say something. Don't just say "yeah" and move on.

Don't interrupt (не перебивай) while they're talking to you. If they ask for advice, listen carefully and give them the best advice you can.


Spend time together. Hang out at weekends or plan activities together every now and then, do some homework together, and chat during breaks at school. You don't have to live in each others' pockets, but make sure you spend some quality time together with your friend to make the friendship grow and become stronger. Think about doing something together one day, like going shopping or something else. **Share laughs.** There is nothing like laughing and smiling to bring people together.

C. Be yourself. You are who you are, and your friend will accept that. Bear in mind that being fake could lead you to losing your friend. **Be trustworthy.** And trust each other. All you have to do really is to make sure that you can both trust each other and that you can keep secrets. Being a friend means you talk about everything together and very often the information is only for the two of you.

Be helpful. You also need to make sure that they know you are always there for them, whenever they need you and that they feel comfortable talking to you about any problems they have. Remember that everybody wants to feel secure and confident in friendship and sometimes needs a shoulder to cry on. Just come to help them when they need it – lending a helping hand to your friend really doesn't cost much.

2b. Find a partner from each of the other two groups. Compare the ideas and make complete lists.

2c. Rate the ideas in order of importance. Say why you think so. What ideas would you like to add?

3.  Imagine you are a school psychologist and you have to make a speech to the students on how to be a good friend. Write it and present it (10 sentences).