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“What is Friendship? In Your Words”

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“I hate you! You are not my friend! I never want to speak to you again!” Sometimes, we say these ugly words to our friends but do we really mean it? These words are horrible and hurtful but at that specific moment, I believe people mean what they say especially during an argument but as time passes, we also feel remorse and it is the feeling of regret and sorrow that helps us to compromise because the value of friendship is more important than a petty disagreement. I believe communicating openly and helping each other to be better people is what friendship is all about.

We make mistakes every day and it is okay because we probably learn just as much from our mistakes as we do from our successes. We tend to make more mistakes with our family and friends because we spend more time with them. The more time we spend together, we will experience different feelings and situations. Sometimes, we may feel joy and pride but other times we may feel envy and confused because of misunderstandings, disagreements or mistakes.

It is at these times we need to think about the other person instead of thinking only about ourselves. The idiom of “putting yourself in the other’s shoe” is so important when trying to resolve a problem with friends. Understanding each other’s side

will help us to understand the entire situation and not just from our self-centered point of view.

True friends will argue from time to time. We cannot always agree on everything. True friends try hard to be honest with each other, communicate more when it is difficult to talk and show compassion to each other when we are depressed. Having friends does not mean we always understand each other all the time. Sometimes, disagreeing with each other helps us to understand the others' point of view better. Other times, disliking our friends helps us to understand why we like them. Only true friends will take all our ugliness and see the beauty inside of us. Friendship makes our lives full and makes all of us feel special and loved because it is great to hear someone say "You are my friend and I will always be here for you!"

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