

FRIENDSHIP

Dictionaries define 'friendship' as a state of being friends or a friendly attachment to a person or persons where affections arise from mutual esteem and good will towards each other. However, such a definition does not really explain what a true friendship is all about.

In our six years of friendship, we have gone through so many ups and downs. We fought, we quarrelled, we made up and then fought and made up again many times throughout our six years of schooling. Now that we are older, we realise that a true friendship is a combination of affection, loyalty, love, respect, and trust. It is definitely a relationship that needs to remain unconditional and to survive the test of time. We had to have mutual respect for each other in order to remain good friends all through these years.

The emotional roller coaster that we went through told us that life is not a bed of roses. The hardships and sorrows brought us to tears but fortunately for us, we had each other to fall back on in times of need. We lent an ear for each other to pour out our feelings and a shoulder whenever one of us needed a good cry. It was a good feeling to know that someone has our best interests at heart.

We learnt to trust each other and believe that we would not hurt each other intentionally. However, there were times when we were offended by the honest words of our friends. True friendship meant that we did not have to weigh our thoughts and words but the inner self just could not accept the facts. So in the end, we learnt to cushion our words so that they were not too blunt and frank. It took time for us to adjust to that level as we found that each of us were just as sensitive as the next.

It was also very surprising to know that as we got closer and closer in our friendship, we began to get to know and understand each other better, to the extent that there were times when someone else in the group of friends knew us better than we ourselves. It was scary to know that the next person out there could read us and our thoughts so well.

Friendship goes beyond just sharing time together. It is long lasting unconditional love between individuals. And we have found ourselves a priceless treasure of a lifetime.

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