



Activities 6–9 will help you to build stronger responses to questions on Topic 2:

Topic 2	Let's move on to talk about friends
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6 Question: 'Do you have many friends or just one or two?'

Complete this response using the expressions in the box below.

'I have _____ of friends... some from right back when I was at school, others from various jobs I've had, and there are the friends I play _____ with. I've always been a _____ sort of person so I find it easy to _____ on with people when I _____ them. But, I _____ I'd say I only have one or two _____ friends – friends I completely trust, I _____.'

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7 Question: 'How often do you see your friends?'

Which response has some high level vocabulary and idioms in it?

a) 'I don't have much chance to catch up with my old friends at the moment, as I'm studying here in Australia and they're not, but I often bump into my new friends at college here, and we hang out together.'

b) 'Most of my old friends are back at home, and I'm here in Australia. I have lots of new friends from college and we like to meet up and do things...all sorts of things together. It's good.'

c) 'Wow...Let me see...I don't see my school friends much...as they're at home and I'm not...if you know what I mean...so I don't see them often...but my new Aussie, college friends...well, of course, I see them all the time...too much maybe!'

8 Question: 'Are you good at making new friends? (Why?/Why not?)'**Which response is the most grammatically accurate?**

a) 'As I say, I'm pretty good at make friend because I'm easygoing and I like meet new people when I'm going out to parties or thing like that.'

b) 'As I'm saying, I like people so it's easier making friends. I'm good at chatting, you say 'small talk' I think. People seem like me maybe because I laugh much.'

c) 'As I said just before, I'm a bit shy but I make friends quite easily, maybe because I'm a good listener, and I like asking questions and showing interest in people.'

9 Question: 'Which are more important – friends or family (Why?)'**Which response seems the most interesting and varied answer?**

a) 'I think family is more important, because everyone has a family. Friends sometimes don't last but your family is with you for ever. You always have a family – parents, brothers, sisters and if you're lucky, your grandparents, of course. It's normal to have a lot of family around you.'

b) 'Family definitely. They are with you and care for you from the beginning of your life, they shape the person you become, they always support you and love you unconditionally. They will always be there if you get into difficulties. Friends don't always feel the same level of responsibility.'

c) 'Both are important, but family is more important. I really love my mother, and she loves me. It's natural I suppose but it's important to me, and to her. My friends like me and I like them but it's not the same really. It's a different feeling, less important really, at least for me.'