

## Writing Sample



<b>Title</b>	<b>On Friends</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>According to those who study sociology, companionship is very important to people. Most humans seem to have a strong need to socialise with others. To punish people, we isolate them from the outside world. Yet, what is friend? Some people seem to be lonesome and have few, if any, friends. Other people are outgoing and sociable and like to be with people, so they seem to have a lot of friends. But are the people they know true friends?</p>
<b>Body</b>	<p>We meet a person and then over a period of time, we acquaint ourselves with that person's character and personality. Of course that person is doing the same with us. Maybe this happens where we work, or with neighbours, or people we go to school with. Maybe we chat with someone as we stroll along or walking the dog. Most of us want a person who has integrity to become our good friend. We want someone who would console us when we are in distress or just have a case of the blues. Of course, if we want that sort of person to be our friend, we too must be the same sort of person.</p> <p>Some people, however, are not such good friends. They may idle away their time and ours and try to take advantage of the friendship. Relationships with people like this are quite superficial. Their feelings are fragile and they get upset easily. Such people might betray or deceive us if they think it is useful to them. It is definitely not a healthy relationship between friends.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>It takes time and patience to develop the trust and intimacy of a good friendship. But if we are lucky, then we will have a few genuine friendships in our lives.</p>