

Rules of Friendship

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Social Studies

Genre

An **Essay** is written to persuade a reader about something.

Text Feature

A **List** shows a series of items in a certain order.

Content Vocabulary

trust

friendship

promise

A friend is someone you know and **trust**. Friends do things together. They listen to each other and share their feelings.

Everything is better when you have a friend to share it with! This is why **friendship** is important.

Friendship Rules

1. Share. It's important to take turns.
2. Be kind.
3. Tell the truth.
4. Be a good listener.
5. Keep your **promises**. Remember to do what you say you will.
6. Help each other.
7. Always make room for a new friend!



When you follow this list of rules you may keep friendships for a long time. Following these rules can also help you make new friends. Try to make a new friend today!



Connect and Compare



1. How does the list of rules help you understand what friendship is? **List**
2. Think about the rules of friendship and *Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea*. Which rules do Mr. Putter and Tabby follow? How can you tell? **Reading/Writing Across Texts**



Social Studies Activity

Research what it means to be a good friend. Ask others what they think makes someone a good friend. Then write your own list of rules.



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Writer's Craft

A Good Paragraph

To write a **good paragraph**, begin with a strong topic sentence and add supporting details.

Write About a Friend

My Funny Friend

by Benny B.



I wrote a topic sentence that tells the main idea.

This detail, an exclamation, tells why I feel strongly about my friend.

My best friend Jenny lives next door to me. We have been friends since we were four years old. Jenny has freckles and long, red hair. She also wears glasses just like I do! Jenny likes to tell jokes and riddles. When I want to laugh, I go visit my favorite funny friend!

Your Turn

Write about a friend or someone you know well. Tell what the person is like. Tell about how the person looks or sounds. Tell what you like to do together. Use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.



Writer's Checklist

- Ideas:** Did I write a **good paragraph** with a topic sentence and supporting details?
- Word Choice:** Did I use words that give strong details that tell about the person?
- Conventions:** Does each sentence end with the correct end mark? Did I end exclamations with exclamation marks?
- Organization:** Did I include a good ending for my narrative?