

## **A Vision**

1. Read the following essay that was posted in the A Vision forum on December 19, 2006. <http://foro.iearn.org/webx/iearnforums/vision/960>
2. In your small group discuss what this essay talks about and list some of things that make a good friend.
3. Write a response to the student who wrote the poem before you read the responses from other students and teachers.
4. Read the responses from others to Vitaly .
5. Try your hand at writing a poem or essay on friendship to share with others.
6. If you have time visit the A Vision forum  
<http://foro.iearn.org/webx/iearnforums/vision/>

## **Good Friends are only a few**

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For me, friendship is a relationship of mutual assistance and mutual understanding between two or more people. Nowadays, good friends are only a few since young people often betray each other.

Who is a good friend from my point of view? I think, a good friend is someone who never says anything filthy about you. Once, I remember, I was going to school when I saw my friend standing with some pupils and gossiping about me. After this occasion I told him that he wasn't my friend any more.

I also think that a real friend will not betray you in any occasion. On the contrary, he will help you out in difficult times, comfort you when you are sad, and cheer you up.

Now I have two friends. Our common interests bring us closer together. All of us like to spend free time together, play games, walk, go to the cinema and tell stories. If something bad or problematic happens to my friends, I am always ready to help them and give support. When my friend broke his spine and had to stay in bed for a long time, I visited him very often, helped him with his studies and told him about our school and class.

And in conclusion I want to say that a real friend is a friend forever!

**Your Response to Vitaly:**

**Your Essay on Friendship: (Use the back of this sheet)**

## **A Vision Forum Responses to Vitaly's Essay**

(Note: These are unedited and are as they appear in the forum)

Hi, Vitaly,

Sometimes people make mistakes, and the cost of them is very high - they lose their friends. But don't be frustrated, you'll make new friends who will prove to be real.

Tamara Galiulina

*hi vitaly totally agree with your viewpoint , actually , friends are very few these days, cuz everyone cares only for his self.*

*hope u find more and more good friends*

and u can consider me a real friend of u .

Mohannad Al Dolati

Syria – Damascus

Hi,I am Javid Safarli.I live in Dubai.I am from Azerbaijan.I am 13 years old.My school is International Academic School.I liked it.It is nice.But is it real?

Student:Javid

Teacher:Hanaa

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Dear Vitaliy Rybov,

well i guess your point of view is quite correct but it is not always with every one so dont take it at heart we hope you find good friend soonest.

bye

Ummul Banin

Fatimiyah Girls school

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Hi! Vitaliya Rybov, *have the same feelings as you about freinds never trust anybody around us. so its not the end of the world we can have many more.* Good luck for you and me as well bye

Rahmat Damani

Al- Murtaza school

Karachi

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Hello Vitaliya.

One thing I can assure you that you can find great friends at iEARN.

You know Miss Tamara is just like my mother.

Take Care

Sadaf Hemani

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