

# What Makes a Good Friend?

**Interviewer:** What makes a good friend?

**Eddie:** A friend is somebody who you meet up with often

**Nathan:** When people play with you.

**Pedro:** Always hugs me.

**Maci:** A good friend is someone who picks you up when you fall, makes you laugh, plays with you whenever you're sad and does lots of things for you.

**Jess:** Helping you and just being kind.

**Kacie:** Give them some of my toys.

**Amy:** To be kind to each other and you don't argue.

**Charita:** Or if they listen to you very nicely, we can play with them or we can play with somebody else.

**Roshni:** When you be kind to them and you never argue with them.

**Maddie:** Accepting for who you are and what you're doing every day.

**John:** If they're kind to you, if you're ever sad or angry.

**Terry:** He's always been there for me to help me.

**Evie:** If you're playing the game you can let them join in.  
If they don't want to you can just say if you want to join in you can.

**Kaira:** I think makes a good friend is that they take care of you and if you fall over they pick you up.

**Oliva:** I think a good friend makes you happy and is always lovely to you and is always funny and nice to you.

**Interviewer:** Are you a good friend?

**Oliva:** I actually don't know but I've got a lot of friends in the class and they're that.

## Discussion Questions

1. Which child's definition of a good friend resonates most with you and why?
2. Do you think it's more important for a friend to be fun or supportive? Justify your answer.
3. Is it always possible to be a good friend, even when you are having a bad day? Explain your reasoning.
4. Do you think these qualities of a good friend are universal, or do they vary across cultures?
5. Based on the children's responses, what do you think is the most important quality of a good friend? Why?