



Lesson 3: Keeping in touch

Warm-up questions:

Who is your best friend? Why do you like him/her? How did you meet? Please explain in detail.
Do you prefer to have few close friends or have many acquaintances?
Have you ever had a falling out with a friend? What happened?
How do you like to keep in touch with your friends? Text, Call, Email, etc.

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Keep in touch
Touch base with

Acquaintance
Hit (someone) up

Excuse
Catch up

Greeting (after long time):

How have you been?
Long time no hear.
How has life been treating you?

What have you been up to?
What's new these days?
How's work/family/the love life?

Making excuses:

I've been very busy with work.
I've had a lot of things on my plate.

I've been very busy with school.
I don't have much free time these days.

Farewell:

It was great seeing you.
I'm glad we could meet/talk.

It was nice catching up.

Future plans:

Let's do this again.
How about grabbing a drink later?
Would you like to go on a trip with me this summer?

Why don't we grab dinner next Friday?
Do you want to meet up next week?

Practice:

What is the most/least important traits to have in a friend? Please rank the following:

Similar humor

Similar wealth/status

Attractiveness

Similar hobbies/interests

Similar political views

Other:

Discussion Questions:

How has social media and technology changed the way we communicate?
Do you prefer to have few close friends or have many acquaintances?
If you wanted to make new friends, what would you do?
"We like people who are similar or people who we admire." What do you think this statement means? Do you agree or disagree? Can you give some real life examples?