

2a

Write the comparative forms of the following adjectives. Then use them to write five sentences about you and your friends.

popular _____	funny _____	quiet _____
hard-working _____	serious _____	friendly _____
outgoing _____	smart _____	shy _____

My friend David is more hard-working than me, but I am funnier than him.

2b

Should friends be the same or different? Read about what these people think. Underline the comparative words and phrases in the passages.



Jeff Green

My mother told me a good friend is like a mirror. I'm quieter and more serious than most kids. That's why I like reading books and I study harder in class. My best friend Yuan Li is quiet too, so we enjoy studying together. I'm shy so it's not easy for me to make friends. But I think friends are like books — you don't need a lot of them as long as they're good.

It's not necessary to be the same. My best friend Larry is quite different from me. He is taller and more outgoing than me. We both like sports, but he plays tennis better, so he always wins. However, Larry often helps to bring out the best in me. So I'm getting better at tennis. Larry is much less hard-working, though. I always get better grades than he does, so maybe I should help him more.



Huang Lei

I don't really care if my friends are the same as me or different. My favorite saying is, "A true friend reaches for your hand and touches your heart." My best friend Carol is really kind and very funny. In fact, she's funnier than anyone I know. I broke my arm last year but she made me laugh and feel better. We can talk about and share everything. I know she cares about me because she's always there to listen.



Mary Smith

2c**Are the following statements true or false?**

1. Jeff is less serious than most kids.
2. Jeff and Yuan Li are both quiet.
3. Jeff thinks it is easy for him to make friends.
4. Huang Lei is taller than Larry.
5. Huang Lei isn't as good at tennis as Larry.
6. Larry works harder than Huang Lei.
7. Mary thinks her friends should be the same as her.
8. Carol broke her arm last year and Mary made her feel better.

2d

**How do you and your friends compare with the people in the article?
Write five sentences.**

I'm different from Jeff because I'm louder than the other kids in my class.
My best friend is similar to Larry because she's less hard-working than me.

2e

Which saying about friends is your favorite? Which friend do you think about when you read this saying? Why? Tell your partner about it.

1. A good friend is like a mirror.
2. Friends are like books — you don't need a lot of them as long as they're good.
3. My best friend helps to bring out the best in me.
4. A true friend reaches for your hand and touches your heart.

