



LIGHTHOUSE



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FOREWORD

How lucky we are to have such a large circle of fun friends! The only thing which remains constant throughout our life during all our ups and downs is our circle of friends. Finding a trusted friend we are comfortable with is one of the essential tasks in life. These trusted friends are the ones who guide us to a more joyous, positive, and unerring path in our life.

Enjoying good times with our friends and cherishing every moment are some of the sweetest memories we will have, even if we don't realize it now. So, let us revere our time with our friends and make every moment memorable. Here's to all our friends who never let us down!

Explore more articles in the newsletter to see the depth and meaningfulness of friendships and relationships.

By the Editorial team

WEATHERING THE STORM

A thought of friendship that cherishes in my heart
A bond so strong that it cannot be broken
A soothing touch that says I am with you, never apart;
Words stay unspoken.

I can only smile at the times we spent
The joy of your presence, my friend, makes my heart sing.
When the sun comes down on us
Oh, the warmth it brings!

This bond is so special
Written by Destiny; meant to last forever.
I stare down at that gold vessel
Remembering the times; it feels like time passed never.

But watch out! A storm brews near
Hoping to fill us with uncertainty and fear.
We stand together, and as we lean on each other for
support,
The storm crouches and leaves, never to return.

The bond we share,
Is magical and rare
United as we are, every step of the way,
We'll be here for each other, forever and always.

**Submitted by Kimberly Menezes
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METEOR SHOWER

I am from the moon,
You are from the stars
Yet you held my hand to show me
What lies beyond Saturn and Mars.

You admired my imperfections
When I wasn't able to gaze at my reflection.
You pulled me into a realm of perpetual happiness.
You can never be replaced by any riches.

The warmth in your words,
The reassurance in your smile
You were my cover
Throughout this Meteor shower.

You made a change that was remarkable.
Believe me when I say
With you, this Meteor shower
Was indefinably enthralling.

**Submitted by Anaya Ansari
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Friendship Day



REFLECTIONS ON FRIENDSHIP

Friendship defines a mutual affection between two people who trust one another, a bond more special than mere acquaintances.

It is a feeling of warmth and fullness to have a person who can stand by without a second thought.

Healthy friendships can free one of loneliness — make every negative feeling go away; friends provide a world of comfort and safety.

“Stay close to those who feel like sunlight.” Friendship knows no bounds; it only flourishes — forever and ever — no matter the time of the year or the day.

They are always there to tie you together when you are falling apart; they have the devotion of the sun and the moon to each other.

And so, always hang on to your friends!

Submitted by Nyonika Garg
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FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP

A friend is one whom you can always trust and feel secure. When you spend time with your friends, you make memories that you cherish forever and ever. But why do we need friends? We need friends to prevent loneliness in our life.

You always have that friend with whom you can be yourself, be crazy, and do stupid things because you both know that neither of you is judging the other. And that friend will never stop



listening to your talks, no matter how meaningless they seem to others.

And how does friendship help? Friendship with the right person makes life easy and helps release your stress. A true friend and true friendship can help to maintain your mental health. With a true friend by your side, no one can trouble you.

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OF LOVE, LIFE, AND A LEGACY - 'THE FAULT IN OUR STARS' : A BOOK REVIEW

"The marks humans leave are too often scars."

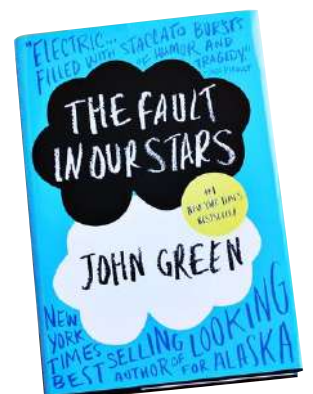
The above is a line from one of my favourite novels, *The fault in our stars* by John Green, and I recommend you read it.

This book follows the story of Hazel Grace, a 16-year-old suffering from lung cancer. Though, I promise, this story is not just about cancer. Her parents force Hazel to go to a support group after she is diagnosed with depression. There she meets Augustus Waters, who helps her rewrite her story and express herself as more than a cancer patient. *The Fault in our Stars* is a novel of life and death and people caught in between, brilliantly exploring the thrilling, tragic business of being alive and in love.

This book is full of love, and that's my favourite part. Every character has their way of expressing their love, and they try their best to do so. Even though the book made me cry, I do not regret picking it up that day in the library.

According to Augustus Waters, we want our life to be extraordinary; we want the world to remember us most gloriously, 'bequeathing a legacy'. But the mark we leave is often a scar on our loved ones, a hideous reminder of the past. It's a useless attempt to believe that being loved widely is a great thing. The truth is, it's more important to be loved deeply. We all have limited time and are oblivious to the inevitable. So why not seize the day?

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FRAGILE FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships don't break,
they sadly lose their spark.
Carelessness breaks the bond
and makes it dark.

It's funny how
the ones
you care for don't give you their time
and the ones
you give your time to, don't care for it.

The people closest to you once
become part of your prayers
or your sorrowful poems.

Some friendships aren't
supposed to stay the same;
they're meant to change
Only to make you stronger
and handle all the pain.

Submitted by Bhoomika Pawar
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MY BEST FRIEND

You and I are best friends,
It means that I am here for you,
And you are there for me.

You are loyal and caring,
encouraging too,
A welcome partner
That stands by you.

Loving and helpful,
you bring out the best,
Believing in the good
Leaving the rest.

The miles between us
Can't keep us apart
For we stay in each other's hearts.

We stick together,
Till the end.
A straight line that will not bend.

Submitted by Radhika Karandikar
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MY FRIEND

Our friendship is like a magnet;
We can't deny the pull.
You're the light in my life
That's simply irresistible.

When tears fall from my eyes,
You're there to brush them away.
When I'm lost and confused,
You're there to show me the way.

You make me smile when I am low;
You're a pure delight.
We talk a lot about everything.
You make my life so bright!

You are someone I turn to
When my spirits need a lift.
You are the one I treasure;
Your friendship is a gift!

Submitted by Kiara Chittilappilly
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MAGICAL BONDING

Friendship is a divine relationship between people based on trust and loyalty. Friends are like a cool breeze on a warm summer day; they provide the missing happiness in our life. They have our backs and support us through our highs and lows. We never realise the value of friends until we are separated — lonely moments start to crawl in, and we spend our days reminiscing about the good times.

Everyone experiences a situation where they understand the value of true friendship. Even I did. In class 7, I made friends with the new boy in our class. One day our circle of friends decided to hang out. While we were playing, I suddenly twisted my foot and fell. All my classmates began laughing at me except him. He was the only one who helped me and consoled me. Ever since that day, I have understood the value of true friendship. Friends are precious gems. Undoubtedly, friends surpass any obstacle and stand the test of time.

Submitted by Swara Sabnis
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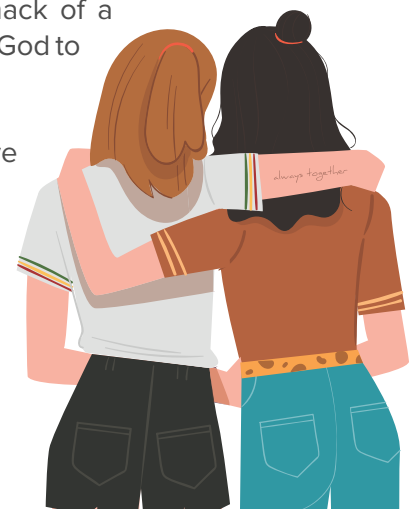
THE SPECIAL SIBLING BOND

The bond between siblings is more than between best friends. Siblings are lifetime friends — ones who don't leave us or break the relationship. They are the ones who share everything with you.

Whether sad or happy, I have always gone to my sister and shared my feelings because I trust her. Disagreements between siblings are inevitable, but knowing how to solve them and get back is the knack of a sibling. Siblings are a gift from God to you, a blessing.

Keep the bond and the love alive. Love your siblings to the utmost. It's my advice to everyone reading this.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCES



Answers:



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

Unscramble the words!

#Rakshabandhan#Friendship

1. BDDYU (A close friend)

2. PNCOAONIM (Your partner)

3. ONBD (A special connection you share)

4. CPGNRIOTTE (Shielding someone)

5. ACEBNEOTRIL (An act of commemoration)

6. TACIEOFNF- (Feeling of fondness)

7. OSHNTE- (Quality of being truthful)



Answer Key:
1. BUDDY
2. COMPANION
3. BOND
4. PROTECTING
5. CELEBRATION
6. AFFECTION
7. HONEST

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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SCHOOL CORNER

Dear Students,

Our country will complete 75 years of independence this August. The years that have gone by have been eventful for our country. We have come a long way, from being under the dominion of a foreign rule to liberating ourselves to walking on the path of progress. India today has made its mark in all areas of development, from agricultural production to nuclear and space technology, from affordable health care to world-class educational institutions, from giant steel plants to becoming an IT power, and many more significant global achievements.

We Indians are proud of our cultural distinctiveness. We are proud to be the inhabitants of India. It is our responsibility as citizens to maintain its unique characteristics. As students, we must strive towards contributing to the growth of our nation by being sensitive and responsible individuals and putting in our constructive efforts towards the overall betterment of society.

Let us celebrate the 76th Independence day of our country with our heads held high and with the spirit of patriotism, as we march ahead in our journey of Success.

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