

4 VOCABULARY

re- verbs

A Which word best completes these sentences? Write the correct letter.

- a. rebuild c. reconnect e. rehash g. replace
b. recall d. redefine f. rekindle h. resurface

1. You can f old friendships by sharing memories.
2. Don't ___ old arguments over and over.
3. People often ___ themselves, but they're essentially the same.
4. A close friend is impossible to ___.
5. Can you ___ the first time you met your best friend?
6. Friends you think are gone forever sometimes ___ unexpectedly.
7. Visit your hometown and ___ with your roots.
8. It takes time to ___ a damaged friendship.

B Pair work What other re- verbs do you know? How would you define them? Compare your list with a partner.

Recapture, reconsider, . . .

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5 DISCUSSION

Friendship maintenance

A Look at these ideas for maintaining friendships. Choose three that you think are the most important.

Advice for Maintaining FRIENDSHIPS

- ▶ Praise your friends often and keep a positive, optimistic attitude when you're around them.
- ▶ Never betray a friend's trust – it can cause real resentment.
- ▶ Try to be completely honest with your friends at all times.
- ▶ Don't hold unkind words against a friend. Consider any problems he or she has that might be the cause of the hurtful words.
- ▶ Use social media to help you feel connected to friends but not to replace face time.
- ▶ Be a good listener and try to empathize with your friends.
- ▶ Respect your friends' point of view even when you disagree. Don't rehash old arguments.
- ▶ Watch out for "unhealthy" friendships. Sometimes it's better to end a friendship and move on with your life.



B Group work Tell your group which three pieces of advice you chose, and explain why. Then share any other ideas you have about maintaining friendships.

"Well, I think it's important to always be completely honest with your friends. If you aren't honest with your friends, they might not be honest with you."

Useful expressions

Agreeing on importance

Well, I think it's important . . .

Yeah, that's true, but even more important is . . .

And let's not forget . . .

You're right . . . is also quite important.

3 GRAMMAR

Gerund and infinitive constructions

These verbs are normally followed by a gerund: *appreciate, consider, enjoy, give up, keep, put off, suggest*.

They're **considering starting** a company team!

These verbs are normally followed by an infinitive: *ask, decide, expect, intend, need, refuse, seem, tend*.

I never **expected to meet** so many nice people!

These verbs are followed by either a gerund or an infinitive: *begin, bother, continue, hate, prefer, start*.

Last month I **started taking / to take** a cooking class.

Infinitives and gerunds can also occur in the passive voice. They follow the pattern **subject + verb + being / to be + past participle**.

I **kept being invited** by my co-workers to a lunchtime yoga class.

She **asked to be chosen** for the job.

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A Look at the Starting Point on page 6 again. Can you find another verb followed by a gerund and another verb followed by an infinitive?

B Choose the correct form of the verbs. Sometimes both answers are possible.

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I've never been a really popular guy. I'm the type of person who tends **1** *to have / having* one or two good friends rather than lots of acquaintances. Well, when I moved away from my hometown after getting a job in Denver, I really needed **2** *to make / making* some new friends. Because I'm shy, I considered **3** *to change / changing* my personality to become more outgoing. But that was very difficult for me. Just the same, I didn't give up **4** *to try / trying*. I decided **5** *to create / creating* a new image for myself. I bought myself some new shoes, new clothes, and I even got a new haircut and started **6** *to wear / wearing* contact lenses. However, it didn't seem **7** *to change / changing* anything. I was beginning to regret **8** *to leave / leaving* my hometown when, all of a sudden, I got a call from my old friend Jim. He was planning **9** *to move / moving* here pretty soon. He wanted some advice about finding an apartment in the city, and I suggested **10** *to share / sharing* an apartment with me. Well, he agreed! I really enjoy **11** *to have / having* someone to spend time with, and together we've made a lot of new friends.

Posted by DenverDan  2 COMMENTS

C Pair work Complete these sentences with your own information, and add details. Then compare with a partner.

1. I don't like it when friends refuse . . .
to do small favors for me, like lending me a book. It's so rude.
2. It can be annoying when friends expect . . .
3. I couldn't say no if a friend suggested . . .
4. When I'm with my good friends, I don't bother . . .