

Defining a Friend

A British publication once offered a prize for the best definition of a friend. Among the thousands of answers received were the following:

- One who multiplies joys, divides grief, and whose honesty is inviolable.
- One who understands our silence.
- A volume of sympathy bound in cloth.
- A watch that beats true for all time and never runs down.

The winning definition, however, was:

- A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out.

Do these responses define your friends?

Or, perhaps more importantly, can your friends describe you in any of these terms?

Friendship – having them and being one – is crucial to the quality of life.

--Beecher Hunter