Why Can’t We Be Friends?
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Four Friendship Facts

Peer friendships are:
- Similar to self
- Healthy venue for positive development
- Multi-layered groups
- Dynamic
Peers tend to choose friends who are similar to self in:

- Age
- Gender
- Socioeconomic status
- Ethnicity
- Interests
“Birds of a feather, flock together”
American proverb
Peer Friendships are a Healthy Venue for Positive Development
Peer Friendships are Multi-layered
Peer Friendships are Dynamic
Developing a Friendship

Takes relationship skills and self confidence to reach out to the other person.
Maintaining a Friendship

It is basically easy to start a friendship but maintaining a friendship requires work!
When Friendships End...

When a friendship is no longer beneficial to each party or you have grown apart, it is best to end the friendship.
Websites:
• NebGuide- Friendships, Peer Influence, and Peer Pressure During the Teen Years. Friendships are very much an important aspect of theteen years. Understanding the nature of peer influence can help support youth as they enter into this period and follow the path towards close friendships that are hallmarks of adolescence.
  • http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g1751.pdf

• Newspaper Clip Generator
  Create a newspaper article by entering information.
  http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp

YouTube:
• You’ve Got a Friend in Me—Toy Story (Actual Clips)
  The song You’ve Got a Friend in Me from the movie Toy Story. Instead of being the scene from the movie, this great video is made up of a lot of different clips from the movie.
  http://youtu.be/9x50fVVzUI0