

## IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. FRIENDS. TRANSCRIPT

### Do you keep in touch with your childhood friends?

I mostly... I keep in touch with some of my childhood friends. The problem is I did move from my childhood area when I was 20 years old, so that's a long time ago and I lost... I had some friends there, but I guess you could say we drifted apart.

### Do you prefer to spend time with friends or time alone?

For me, it's really 50/50. You know very often people wonder whether you are an introvert or an extrovert, in my case, I always say I'm an ambivalent which is in between. Sometimes I like to be alone, I like to have a book, have a hobby that is done individually that kind of thing, but on the other hand I really love socializing. I love meeting new people and I love attending parties where you can chat to people, so yeah, in the middle.

### Describe one of your friends

I'd like to tell you about my friend Luke. A while ago, about 2-3 years ago, I saw in Seoul there was a guy doing very much the same thing as me. He was a teacher on Instagram, making videos. I thought what a coincidence. I contacted him. I said:

"Hey! How are you looks like you're doing something similar. Do you want to hang out? And he contacted back and it turned out that we lived in a very similar area, so we met for a drink. We... we hit it off right from the start. We really got on very well. We had a nice drink together and we started meeting, we had similar hobbies, which is a very important thing, and we started hanging out more and more.

Let me tell you a little more about Luke. Luke is also an English teacher. He did live in Seoul, but he has recently moved back to his home country of Wales. He is a similar height to me... maybe a little shorter and he is a good looking guy, he's got lots of friends. He's also married with a young daughter, the same as me, so that's one of the interesting things is we do have quite a lot of similarities. For me personally, he became a very important friend because, especially business-wise, we were doing exactly the same thing so we were able to help and advise each other. We could try things and give each other our feedback. I think that was so important. So that gave us this thing in common, was is wonderful. In the future, although we live in in other countries now. I hope to see more of him.

### VOCABULARY

ambivalent (adjective) - having or showing both positive and negative feelings about somebody/something

childhood (noun) - the period of somebody's life when they are a child

coincidence (noun) - the fact of two things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

drifted (verb) - to move along smoothly and slowly in water or air

extrovert (noun) - a lively and confident person who enjoys being with other people

introvert (noun) - a quiet person who is more interested in their own thoughts and feelings than in spending time with other people

proactive (adjective) - (of a person or policy) controlling a situation by making things happen rather than waiting for things to happen and then reacting to them

reactive (adjective) - showing a reaction or response to a situation after it happens