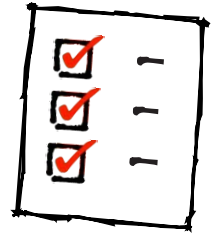


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Day Two

Deep Friendships: Not Just for Girls

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- an old stereotype says that friendship is important to girls
- Young boys instinctively seek out deep friendships
- They may become scornful of talking about feelings
- in which secrets are shared

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Decoding practice:

Complete these words from the passage that start with a consonant blend.

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If you don't know the word already:

- a) Underline and say the single sounds in the blend.
- b) Say the sounds out loud as a blend.
- c) What sounds are in the rest of the word?
- d) Say and write the whole word.



Day Two

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Deep Friendships: Not Just for Girls

Part 2: Last read

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Friends matter to males! In the U.S., an old stereotype says that friendship is important to girls but not as important to boys. People are starting to realize that this is wrong. Boys need strong friendships to be happy and healthy. 41

One 15-year-old boy talked to psychologist Niobe Way. In her book *Deep Secrets*, Dr. Way tells Justin’s story. He and his best friend have a special bond. Justin said, “I guess in life, sometimes two people can really understand each other and really have a trust, respect, and love for each other.” 57
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Dr. Way says this kind of friendship is natural and healthy. Friendships can help boys deal with stress. With a close friend, boys can talk about feelings and solve problems with school, family, and everyday life. 110
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Young boys instinctively seek out deep friendships. However, as they grow older, they may be scared to show that their friends are important. They may become scornful of talking about feelings and sharing secrets. They may believe that “real” men can swagger through life without trusted friends. 144
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Dr. Way thinks that boys need close friends. If boys don’t have deep friendships, they can become lonely or depressed. Dr. Way told *The New Yorker* magazine, “Boys want in-depth friendships in which secrets are shared.” For boys as much as girls, close friends are essential. 193
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

In your opinion, is this passage right? Do boys need deep friendships to be happy? Why or why not?

Tell your partner your opinion. Do you share the same opinion? Explain.