

# Relationship Ruler: Friends vs. Acquaintances

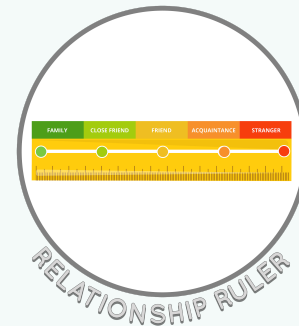
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## Student Directions

The **Relationship Ruler** helps us figure out how to act around different people. Depending on how long we've known people, there are actions we should or should not do. Read the scenarios below and decide if it is an action or words that would be appropriate to use with a **friend** or an **acquaintance**.



## Question Prompts

1. Marques is walking his dog around the neighborhood, when he recognizes some older kids from school hanging out. He smiles and waves as he walks by. Friend or acquaintance?
2. Katherine is out shopping with her mom and notices a girl from her choir group who is also shopping. She walks over and makes small talk before leaving the store. Friend or acquaintance?
3. Gigi is sitting in the library alone when Christopher notices her and walks over to join her. Gigi asks him how his family reunion was last weekend and if he's busy again this weekend. Friend or acquaintance?
4. Jose gets a text from an unknown number asking if he, "did the science homework yet". Jose responds, "Not yet. Who is this?". Friend or acquaintance?
5. Val has been feeling nervous about soccer team tryouts all day. Christine notices that Val has been distracted all of class and asks her, "Is something bothering you? You can talk to me about it if you need". Friend or acquaintance?

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**6.** Wyatt accidentally spills his drink all over his shirt at lunch. He sees Garrett walk in the cafeteria and waves him over. Wyatt asks him if he has an extra shirt he can borrow since his own shirt is all wet. Friend or acquaintance?

**7.** Bree is walking in the hallway at school when she sees Tim from her class accidentally stumble and look up to see if anyone noticed. Bree quickly looks away to avoid making him feel embarrassed. Friend or acquaintance?

**8.** Carter is waiting for his dad to pick him up after school when he notices Gaby's phone fall out of her backpack as she is walking by him. He picks up her phone and calls out, "Hey, Gaby!". Gaby thanks him and walks away. Friend or acquaintance?

**9.** Kiko is taking notes in class, but keeps getting distracted by Hudson's pencil tapping. She taps him on the shoulder, points to his pencil, and jokingly motions for him to cut it out hoping he gets the hint. Friend or acquaintance?

**10.** Baxter is walking home from school when he sees Kat from his neighborhood also walking home. Baxter starts making small talk with Kat as they walk the rest of the way home together. Friend or acquaintance?