

## Qualities In A Good Friend

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Everyone needs friends. What qualities make good friends? First of all, having interests in common is an important part of a friendship. For instance, I like video games, nature, and riding motor cycles, so the friends that I share these interests with are fun to be around. Earlier this summer, our family rented an enormous bulldozer, it was fun operating it. Clearing lots of brush, I carved some trails for taking the motorcycles on. Since then, six of my close, active friends came over to go motorcycling on a nice, warm, sunny day. In addition, empathy is an essential part of friendship. Knowing a friend has the ability to connect on an emotional and intellectual level leaves me with a sense of comfort. If I ever get in an accident, lose a friend or just something saddens me, a friend with empathy is a good thing to have. Finally, consistency is a must. A friend who remains the same wherever you are is a critical quality in a friend. For example, I've seen teens act completely different when they are in a school atmosphere compared to when they're hanging out with one or two friends at home playing games. Common interests, empathy, and consistency are a few qualities that a good friend should have. Everyone should have friends.