

Worksheet – The friendship of Alex and Sam

Alex and Sam have been friends since primary school. They often chat and laugh about things that happened when they were small. Among the many things that make the friendship work, Alex appreciates how the more socially confident Sam has always included Alex with other friends, and Sam appreciates how they can tell each other things they wouldn't tell anyone else.

Although Alex and Sam have common interests, they both also have interests that are independent of each other. Alex usually spends lunchtimes competing with the Chess Club, while Sam volunteers in the school shop a few times a week.

They are both passionate basketball players. A few weeks ago, Alex got a place on the school team, whereas Sam did not. Alex tried to talk to Sam about it, but Sam ignored the attempts, saying it wasn't a big deal. After that, Sam didn't seem to be around much, and Alex, suspecting that Sam was jealous, decided that they wouldn't be the one to make the first contact.

Last night, Sam was at home feeling miserable. Things had been tough at home lately, with mum losing her job. Sam knew that the reaction to the basketball team being announced was petty. Sam sent Alex a text, "sorry for being a plank" and was delighted when a text zoomed back, "me too, going to the gym?".

