

Friendships come and go, but best friends are forever. These are usually hardest to find, but they are worth the journey. Having 1 or 2 good friends, is better than having lots of normal friends. So, with that said, here are a few tips on how to become a good friend and hopefully gain an everlasting friendship.

First of all friends are supportive of one another. Supportive friends are the best! They support you when you are struggling, they support you through decision making and they just support you in life. A good friend stays supportive throughout time, even though it may get hard. It's not always easy, people may judge you, people may put you down, and they may hurt you in some way, but that's why being supportive is one of the most important parts of being a good friend. You might not like what your friend has to say, you might not agree with their decision, but the best thing you could do is just support them. You never know what could be hiding behind that smile of theirs. So, do what you can to help, do what you can to back them up always.

The next important trait is integrity! This is very similar to honesty. Being honest with your friends is a major thing. Good friends wouldn't lie to get out of things or to get their way. They would tell the truth and they would just be honest. It may be a struggle to tell your friend the truth, that's why it's the best thing to do. Because losing a good friend is like losing a sibling. It may eventually get to the point where they wouldn't be able to trust you, and they would no longer want to be around you. A little lie, can break a never-ending friendship, so having the courage to be honest, definitely makes a good friend.

As well as having integrity and being supportive, best friends have a bit of fun with each other. It's great to have fun, to explore new things, to take risks, and there's no one better to do it with than your good, trusting and amazing friend. Taking risks and trying new things may not be as fun as it sounds. But it is definitely way better than doing the same exact things, over and over again. Don't you think? It's amazing how fun, trying new things can be and it is even better with friends. Having a goofy, fun friend by your side, is definitely what you need to light up your day.

Last but not least, mistakes will be made but they can also be fixed. Having a fight with your friend is a part of friendship, but thinking to yourself that it's the end of the world, is not the way to go. Fights may occur, you may have said things, they may have said things back. But eventually, at the end of the day, they never meant to hurt you. Hold onto those mistakes and learn from them as you go. No friendship is ever perfect. Fights are normal, but they can be fixed. So, don't think to yourself, "Oh, he/she is too angry at me to be friends anymore." "Oh, he/she hates me now, it's the end of us!" Don't believe that, it's not true! All you have to do is talk with them, and work things out!

Overall, friendship is one of the greatest gifts in life which everyone deserves to have. But it's good friends that have these qualities; honesty, resilience, support and fun, that can make your day. So, hold on to your friends while they're here, hold on tight and never let them go!