

Making friends is very important to most of us. We develop qualities that will cause other people to like us. For example, a warm smile and a sympathetic manner are positive qualities that attract friends.

Some people seem to have a natural talent for making friends; others, unfortunately, do not. Often, unfriendly behavior is entirely unintentional. One person may act in an unfriendly or hostile way without realizing that he or she is offending others. Another person may be painfully shy. This quality of shyness may cause the person to avoid others, and such behavior is then misinterpreted as unfriendliness.

The words in this lesson describe both friendly and unfriendly behavior. Learning these words should give you a better understanding of the behavior of the people around you.

WORD LIST

aloof
amiable
antisocial
betray
enmity
recluse
responsive
rival
solitary
treacherous

DEFINITIONS

After you have studied the definitions and example for each vocabulary word, write the word on the line to the right.

1. **aloof** (ə-lōof') *adjective* Reserved; distant, especially in relations with others: *an aloof person.* *adverb* Apart; at a distance but within view: *stand aloof.*

Related Word aloofness *noun*

Example Most of the class mistook the new student's aloof manner for snobbishness.

2. **amiable** (ā'mē-ə-bəl) *adjective* a. Good-natured; friendly. b. Pleasant; agreeable: *an amiable group.*

Related Words amiability *noun*; amiably *adverb*

Example Amiable people often make good salespersons.

3. **antisocial** (än'tē-sō'shəl) *adjective* a. Avoiding the company of others; not social; unfriendly. b. Against society: *robbery and other antisocial acts.*

Example Some people who seem *antisocial* may just be very shy or nervous.

4. **betray** (bī-trā') *verb* a. To commit treason against; be a traitor to: *betray one's country.* b. To be disloyal or unfaithful to (a cause or a friend). c. To give away; reveal: *Careless errors betrayed haste.*

Related Words betrayal *noun*; betrayer *noun*

Example During World War II, Vidkun Quisling *betrayed* his country and was called a traitor by the people of Norway.

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USAGE NOTE: *Amity*, a related noun meaning "peaceful relations" or "friendship," is an antonym of *enmity* (p. 62).

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5. **enmity** (ɛn'mī-tē) *noun* Deep hatred, as between enemies or bitter opponents; hostility.

Example In the play *Romeo and Juliet*, long-standing *enmity* between the Montague and Capulet families causes the death of their children.

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MEMORY CUE: *Enmity* exists between enemies; the *n* comes before the *m* in *enmity*.

6. **recluse** (rɛk'lōs) *noun* A person who withdraws from society; hermit.

Related Word **reclusive** *adjective*

Example When he died, very few people knew anything about Howard Hughes except that he was a billionaire and a *recluse*.

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7. **responsive** (rī-spōn'siv) *adjective* Reacting quickly to a suggestion, request, influence, or problem; sympathetic.

Related Words **respond** *verb*; **response** *noun*; **responsively** *adverb*; **responsiveness** *noun*

Example A *responsive* doctor senses immediately what a patient wants to know.

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8. **rival** (rī'vəl) *noun* a. A competitor; someone who tries to outdo another. b. Someone or something that equals or matches another: *a performance without rival*. *adjective* Being a rival; competing. *verb* a. To try to equal or outdo; compete. b. To be a match for.

Related Word **rivalry** *noun*

Example Who will be *rivals* in the next World Series?

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9. **solitary** (sōl'i-tēr'ē) *adjective* a. Without the company of others: *solitary work*. b. Single; lone: *a solitary pine*. c. Far away from society; remote: *a solitary cabin in the wilderness*.

Related Word **solitude** *noun*

Example A forest ranger's job is *solitary* but satisfying.

9. _____
USAGE NOTE: *Solitary*, and *solitude* express singleness: "solitary traveler" or "liking solitude." Use other words for "lonely" or "loneliness."

10. **treacherous** (trɛch'ər-əs) *adjective* a. Disloyal; traitorous: *a treacherous former friend*. b. Dangerous, unsafe: *treacherous surf*.

Related Words **treacherously** *adverb*; **treachery** *noun*

Example Gossip is not just mean—it is *treacherous*.

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EXERCISE 2 USING WORDS CORRECTLY

Each of the following statements contains an italicized vocabulary word. Decide whether the sentence is true or false, and write *True* or *False* on the answer line.

1. A deaf person is *responsive* to most sounds.
2. For a wonderful party, invite only *antisocial* people.
3. The Bermuda Triangle is a *treacherous* area for ships.
4. A person who avoids the company of others may be called a *recluse*.
5. Reading is usually a *solitary* activity.
6. Gifts are usually a sign of *enmity*.
7. To be good at a target-shooting sport, you must be *amiable*.
8. All people who live in tall apartment houses are *aloof*.
9. Some spies *betray* their own country.
10. Friends may be *rivals*.

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EXERCISE 4 USING DIFFERENT FORMS OF WORDS

Decide which form of the vocabulary word in parentheses best completes the sentence. The form given may be correct. Write your answer on the answer line.

1. The _____ Emily Dickinson wrote almost two thousand poems. (*recluse*)
2. Insulting guests is an example of _____ behavior. (*antisocial*)
3. The _____ of the dentist calmed the child. (*amiable*)
4. Giving away a friend's secret is a _____ of trust. (*betray*)
5. Can your fire department _____ to an alarm in three to five minutes? (*responsive*)
6. An understandable _____ exists between cats and mice. (*enmity*)
7. Do you prefer studying with friends or in _____? (*solitary*)
8. Cats, unlike dogs, have a reputation for _____. (*aloof*)
9. Central and North high schools have a longtime _____. (*rival*)
10. History shows that rulers died from palace _____ as well as from disease, war, and old age. (*treacherous*)

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