

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement

**Competition between friends usually negatively impacts friendships**

Steps

1. Make a list of three reasons to agree and three reasons to disagree with the statement? How does competition impact friendships?
2. What are some synonyms for words that relate to – friendship, competition
3. Make a list of the linking words that you are familiar with. Compare these with those around you and try to incorporate a different word that you are unfamiliar with into your essay.
4. What are some words that you use to acknowledge a different perspective?
5. What are some words that you use to show results – consequently, subsequently, this leads to, as a result
6. Define friendship in another way
7. Can you think of an analogy or a small story that relates to friendship?  
People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime.
8. Do you want to write an article that agrees or disagrees with the statement?
9. Think of three examples to emphasize your point of view
10. Why isn't the opposite view to your possible? Or are they both possible, but it is dependent on the circumstances?
11. Open with a general statement that catches the reader's attention and gives an indication about what you will write about.
12. Create a good follow on sentence, followed by a statement highlighting your position. Remember that a follow on sentence must link, by paraphrasing something in the previous sentence.

Competition viewed in terms of winning and losing can certainly have an impact on the friendships underlying it, but when true friends see competition as a learning experience, a way to grow, and a way to help one another, I would strongly disagree with the statement. Strong friendships rise above small rivalries and benefit as a *consequence* of having another person help them to become the best individual that they can be.

In the schoolyard, classmates learn to keep trying even if their grades fall behind that of the person sitting next to them. Students learn to work together, study together and play together. It is natural to be curious about how others are doing and whether you are above, below or an average student. This understanding gives students a bearing on their own personal growth and development.

As we enter the workforce, we compete with those around us for good jobs and positions all the while gaining valuable experience and learning from our mistakes. This experience is further heightened when we become part of a team in a company or organisation. Sure, a workplace is not built around friendships, but it does clearly illustrate the point that it is still possible to build trust and respect, even in a competitive place like the office.

Relationships between countries can also most certainly be viewed as fragile friendships and rivalries as well. When friendships are close, benefits flow. Although, when relationships break down it can lead to sanctions, fighting, and worse, war.

While competition can certainly test many friendships, with many breaking under the strain, more often than not, it provides an opportunity to become better. In my opinion therefore, the opposite is true of the statement above, in that competition doesn't negatively affect friendships, but positively benefits the parties involved as well.

**2. When you have a friend for a long time, you will continue the friendship even when he or she does something that you do not like.**

Steps

1. Make a list of three reasons to agree and three reasons to disagree with the statement? What are the attributes of true friendship?
2. What are some synonyms for words that relate to –  
Friendship – relationships, shared time,  
Fighting – adversity, differences of opinion, different directions
3. Make a list of the linking words that you are familiar with. Compare these with those around you and try to incorporate a different word that you are unfamiliar with into your essay.
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11. Open with a general statement that catches the reader's attention and gives an indication about what you will write about. Or - Open with a strong agree/disagree statement.

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A common way of looking at friendship that many people regard as true is that some friends come into your life for a reason, some for a season, and some for a lifetime. Like any relationships, friendships are not always easy, with some drifting away, though others seem to survive no matter what happens. For this reason I adamantly agree with the statement that strong friendships will last throughout your entire life journey.

Sure, not all friendships are built to withstand the rigor that life throws at them. But I would also argue that they were not meant to either, as highlighted above. The connections made with some individuals who are sharing a similar experience to you can sometimes be fleeting, as the strength of the friendship goes only as deep as the short time that is spent together, and crumbles at the first sign of trouble.

Long term friends on the other hand are formed as a result of people sharing a similar path in life, having some of the same goals or even holding some of the same ideals or passions. It doesn't even have to be a big thing in order to bring two likeminded souls together. Something as simple as a love of coffee could very well be the instigator of a long term friendship. Should they find that they have more in common, the bond cements itself and becomes unbreakable.

Further, even stronger relationships are commonly formed as a consequence of the hardships experienced together by individuals. A classic example here, is two soldiers that go to war. They share a strong life experience together, and as a result develop a lifelong friendship that survives regardless of changes in direction, opinions or ideals.

It is not clear, the reason why some friendships have the ability to withstand adversity while others do not. What is true though, is that true friends will never leave you. You can meet one day, separate for many years and when your paths cross again, it is like you never left the same room.

