



That's What Friends Are For – Notes



- **Activity type:** rhyming words, gap fill.
- **Grammar:** present simple, present continuous, past simple, imperative, future will, can, should, past conditional, 3rd conditional.
- **Time:** 15 mins.
- **Note:** This was written by Burt Bacharach and Carole Bayer Sager, and first performed by Rod Stewart. It became a huge hit when it was recorded as a charity single by Dionne Warwick, Elton John, Gladys Knight and Stevie Wonder, to benefit the American Foundation for AIDS Research. It spent four weeks at Number One in the U.S.A. in January 1986, becoming the biggest selling single of that year and raising over three million dollars for AIDS research.

- 1) Write the word **FRIENDSHIP** on the board and ask students to suggest as many related words as possible. Write their answers on the board.
- 2) Write the following words on the board, and ask students to match the rhyming words (note that there are in fact two rhyming pairs and one group of four words).

apart
away

heart
me

say
see

today
way

Key: apart - heart
 away - say - today - way
 me - see

- 3) Play the song. Ask students to tick the words from the previous activity as they hear them, and to listen for any words related to friendship, as elicited in the first activity. Ask them to also count the number of times they hear the word "friends". (**Key:** ten)
- 4) Feedback.
- 5) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Before playing the song ask them to try to insert the missing words, as listed in 2), in the correct gaps, based on context and their answers to the previous activities.
- 6) Play the song. Students check their answers to 5) and complete the worksheet.
- 7) Correct, and sing together. You can divide the class into four groups, each group takes the role of a different singer.
- 8) **Follow up:**
This song is dedicated to a friend. Write your feelings about friendship and if and why it's important for you.



That's What Friends Are For-Dionne Warwick & Friends



Dionne Warwick: And I never thought I'd feel this _____
And as far as I'm concerned
I'm glad I got the chance to _____
That I do believe I love you
And if I should ever go _____
Well then close your eyes and try
To feel the way we do _____
And then if you can remember

Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
For sure, that's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for



Stevie Wonder: Well you came and opened _____
And now there's so much more I _____
And so by the way I thank you

Elton John: Oh, and then for the times when we're _____
Well then close your eyes and know
These words are coming from my _____
And then if you can remember

Stevie Wonder: Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
For sure, that's what friends are for
In good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Gladys Knight: Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
For sure, that's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Elton John: Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
Oh, for sure, 'cos I tell you that's what friends are for
For good times and for bad times

Dionne Warwick: I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Stevie Wonder: That's what friends are for

Dionne Warwick: Oh me, for sure
That's what friends are for
Keep smilin', keep shinin'





That's What Friends Are For – Complete



Dionne Warwick: And I never thought I'd feel this way
And as far as I'm concerned
I'm glad I got the chance to say
That I do believe I love you
And if I should ever go away
Well then close your eyes and try
To feel the way we do today
And then if you can remember
Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
For sure, that's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Stevie Wonder: Well you came and opened me
And now there's so much more I see
And so by the way I thank you

Elton John: Oh, and then for the times when we're apart
Well then close your eyes and know
These words are coming from my heart
And then if you can remember

Stevie Wonder: Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
For sure, that's what friends are for
In good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Gladys Knight: Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
For sure, that's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Elton John: Keep smilin', keep shinin',
Knowing you can always count on me
Oh, for sure, 'cos I tell you that's what friends are for
For good times and for bad times

Dionne Warwick: I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for

Stevie Wonder: That's what friends are for, yeah

Dionne Warwick: Oh me, for sure
That's what friends are for
Keep smilin', keep shinin'