

➤ Cue Card

Describe a childhood friend

You should say:

- **Who this person is**
- **How you became friends with him/her**
- **What kinds of things you liked to do with him/her**
- **And explain why you like him/her**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



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particular = specific; single; special

a wide circle of friends = a large number of close friends who do things as a group

my youth = when I was younger

If I remember rightly = If I remember correctly

nursery = kindergarten

encounter = meeting

we used to walk = repeated action in the past

to hang out = to spend time together

we would do = repeated action in the past

to chill out = to relax and do very little

to recall = to remember

to hit it off straightaway = to have a good relationship immediately

we remain friends to this day = we are still friends now

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we have a lot in common = we have a lot of things we both like/believe in

common = similar

we have a great rapport = we get on well with each other

I can't remember us ever having a crossed word = I can't remember us ever having an argument

my bestie = my BFF; my best friend

I confide in someone = to tell someone your secrets

judgmental/judgemental = forms opinions very quickly and usually negative ones

I'm certain = I'm sure

we don't live in each other's pockets = we don't see each other all the time

and vice versa = and the opposite is also true

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