

VOCABULARY-Words for People: Take turns reading the definition and example.

1. A bum is a person who makes little effort to succeed. Her neighbor is a lazy bum.
2. A dude means a person. Dude, we're having a party. Want to come? I was walking down the street when this dude came up to me.
3. A gentleman is a man with good manners. Her husband is a real gentleman.
4. A guy is an informal word for a man. That guy looks familiar.
5. An acquaintance is someone you have met, but don't know well. Jack is not exactly a friend. He is more of an acquaintance.
6. A colleague is someone shares your profession and works with you, but not necessarily at your company. A colleague of mine is studying climate change.
7. A coworker works with you at your company. My coworkers threw a party for me.
8. A fiance is someone you are engaged to. My fiance met my parents this weekend.
9. A lady is a more formal word for woman. The nice lady who lives next door brought over some cookies.
10. A tomboy is a girl who likes to play boy's games. She goes out in the yard with my sons and throws the football. And she throws it well. She's always been a tomboy.
11. A companion is someone you enjoy spending time with. Becky is a good companion for me. We both enjoy cooking and trying new kinds of foods.
12. A roommate is someone you share a room with. My roommate stays up late studying. It keeps me awake.

Group Talk: Each student, talk for a few minutes on one of these topics, then ask other group members to answer. Lead a group discussion.

1. Do you have one best friend, or do you have a circle of close friends. What do you like to talk about with your best friend or friends? How much time do you spend together? Who is usually the first to call the others to get together?
2. How comfortable do you feel talking to strangers? Do you avoid or initiate conversations with strangers? What is a way to start a conversation with a stranger?
3. Do you teach your kids about stranger danger? Do you worry when a stranger starts talking to your child? What do you do about it? Would you let your kids take candy from a stranger if you were there?
4. How do topics differ when you are talking with a man versus talking with a woman? What do you and your spouse talk about most often? What would you prefer to talk about with your spouse?
5. Have you ever been asked an embarrassing question? Did you answer? What can you say to avoid answering. Talk about a time when you said something you wish you hadn't.

Grammar Note----FOR LONG and A LONG TIME

1. We use "long" in questions. EX: Have you been waiting long?
2. We use "a long time" in answers. EX: Yes, I waited a long time. NOT Yes, I waited long.
3. We use "long" with TOO, ENOUGH, AS, SO EX: We waited too long. The tickets were sold out. I didn't cook it long enough. It was raw. You can stay as long as you remain quiet. It has been so long since I've seen you.
4. Long is used to modify adverbs. EX: Long after the accident, she still had bad dreams. My husband and I were friends long before we got married.
5. For long and for a long time can have different meanings. EX: She didn't talk for long. (Her speech was short.) She didn't talk for a long time. (She didn't speak at all for a long time.) He didn't work for long. (He started working, but quit early.) He didn't work for a long time. (He was out of work.)

Tell something you haven't done for a long time. Tell something you wouldn't do for long.

Questions like, "How long are you here for?" refer to the future. Which of these are appropriate answers?

- a) I have lived here two months.
- b) I just moved here.

- c) I will return home in January.
- d) I am here for six months.
- e) I am a visiting scholar at UT.
- f) I came here last month.