

Chatting (聊天)

知识点:

- **Bond with each other/ one another** 增进感情
Chatting with friends helps us bond with one another.
We can bond over shared experiences in our chats.
- **Build and maintain friendships** 建立并保持友谊
It's a great way to build and maintain friendships.
- **Share thoughts and feelings** 分享感受和想法
It's a way to share our thoughts and feelings.
- **Support one another** 支持彼此
- **Express our affection for each other** 表达对彼此的感情
- **Inside jokes** 内部笑话 (只有自己人能听得懂)
In our chats, we often share inside jokes.
Inside jokes are like secret codes between friends.
- **a strong sense of community and belonging** 一份强烈的团体感和归属感
- **support one another** 相互支持
- **share tears and laughter** 分享眼泪与欢笑
- **spend time with friends**
- **hang out with friends**
- **meet up with friends**
(以上三种表达都很常见, 但是注意不要说 ~~play with friends~~)
- **keep each other company** 陪伴彼此
- **enjoy each other's company** 享受彼此的陪伴
- **kill the time/ while away the time** 打发时间
- **think alike/ be on the same wave length** 想法一致、在一个频道上
- **get each other** 读懂彼此
- **therapeutic** 治愈的
- **essential for mental health** 对于心理健康很重要

- **emotional support and companionship** 心理支持与陪伴
- **I feel so grateful for ...**感到感恩
- **...mean the whole world to me** ...对我意味着全世界
- **I can't live without...** 没有...我活不了

I can't live without my friends. They mean the whole world to me!

- **choose quality over quantity** 质大于量
- **I'd prefer only having a few close friends (少数亲近的朋友) rather than a large group of acquaintances (一大堆认识的人).**
- **a people person** 喜欢人群的人
- **a social butterfly** 交际花
- **a sociable person** 善于交际的人
- **a chatterbox/ talkative** 一个特别能说的人

1. Do you like chatting with friends?

① Yes, I'm a bit of a chatterbox (话匣子一样) in front of my friends. I believe, talking to my friends is really good for my mental health (对心理健康好). I mean, we are the same age (同龄), we think alike and we are on the same wavelength all the time (想法一致, 有默契), so we get each other (懂彼此). Through chatting, we bond with each other, support one another and share thoughts and feelings. It's therapeutic (治愈的). (原因)

② I enjoyed talking to my friends. But I have to say, I'm not a very talkative person. I'm just a little bit clumsy with my words (在语言上有点笨). I enjoyed doing things with my friends. We hang out, clown around

(一起犯傻), try new things together (尝试新鲜事物) and we bond over those experiences. (原因)

2. What are you usually chat about with friends?

Well, you know all kinds of things. Big things and small things. Big things like, our future career development, our educational plans, our relationships, life milestones. Small things like, what do we eat today, which movie do we watch tomorrow, where do we go next week, and sometimes we just talk about silly stuff (傻东西), nonsense (无聊的事情, 废话), to the point that (以至于) we've developed some inside jokes (内部笑话) that nobody from the outside can understand. It's like our secrete codes (秘密暗码), haha! (分类讨论)

3. Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or only one friend?

① I'm a very sociable person, a social butterfly (交际花, 社牛), some friends would call me. So, for me, I like bigger groups, the more the merrier (人越多越好). I get a lot of positive vibes and energy (正能量) after seeing all my friends. And I enjoy mingling with (应酬交际) people at a big party. (原因)

② I love all my friends. But I enjoy having one-on-one conversations (一对一对话) more. The thing is, it's really difficult to have heart-to-heart (走心的), in-depth and meaningful (有深度的、有意义的) conversations with a lot of people at the same time. Sometimes after those big parties, I don't remember any conversations that I've had. That's why I choose quality over quantity (我选择质大于量).

4. Do you prefer to communicate face to face or via social media?

I like both. They both have advantages. Face-to-face communication is more in-depth (有深度的) and meaningful (有意义的). It feels more intimate (感觉起来更亲密) as you can see that person's facial expressions and body language (看见面部表情和肢体语言), which is a really beautiful

thing. But we're all very busy nowadays. It's hard to have face-to-face communication very often, and that's when social media can complement it (弥补). Social media showcases (展示) your friends and family's lifestyle and important updates, like, who's getting married, who's becoming a parent, who's moving to a new house. You can see their life updates (生活更新) easily and interact with them effortlessly (毫不费力地互动). I mean, the cost of communicating is incredibly low, it's at your fingertips (动动手指). Some people hate it but I like it! Because it's better than nothing (有总比没有强)! Without it, the chance of you meeting an old friend who lives far away is almost close to 0 (你去当面见一个住得很远的老朋友的几率几乎为零). (个人偏好题, 对比讨论)

如果喜欢其中一项。可以拿出答案中的单一观点进行回答。

5. Do you argue with friends?

Of course, that's inevitable (不可避免), right? I mean, who doesn't argue with their friends or family? My friends and I would quarrel/ have words (吵架) from time to time, but we don't really argue in a heated and nasty way (不会真的特别激烈和骂的很脏). We just open up with each other (彼此敞开心扉), talk things out (把话说出来), clear the air (解除一切误会) and try to find middle ground/ meet in the middle (在中场相遇, 彼此让步). For me, having an argument is just an emotional way to communicate. As long as there is trust and true friendship, I wouldn't be afraid of losing my friends over a fight (我不会害怕因为一场争吵而失去朋友). (原因, 细节)