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Steve: My best friend—that's easy! I first met Bill when I was five years old. We met at school. We always used to play together at school, and we got along very well because we both loved soccer! We used to argue sometimes when we were younger, though. Now we're older, we don't argue at all. We've known each other so long, I suppose Bill's like a brother to me. We still see each other, but not very often because he lives in another state now. We see each other about ... once a year, if that—but we keep in touch by e-mail. There aren't many people who have had a friend for so long.

Fran: I think the best friend I've ever had was Sandra. I met Sandra in Venice when I was traveling through Italy. You meet a lot of people traveling, but as soon as I met Sandra I knew it was something different. We were both sitting on the steps of the train station in Venice and we started talking. It was summer and we couldn't find anywhere to stay, so we stayed up all night! We got along well because we had a similar sense of humor, and we laughed a lot. But we used to argue a lot, too—mainly over men! We both used to live in Connecticut, and we used to do everything together, but we don't anymore. Sandra moved a few years ago, and now we've lost touch. I don't have her telephone number, so I'm not sure what to do.

Abel: Believe it or not, my best friend used to be my girlfriend! I met Suzie at a nightclub. We started going out together but our relationship didn't last very long. We got along really well because we had similar tastes—we liked the same kinds of music, clothes, places, everything ... So we decided to stay friends. We were friends for a long time and did everything together. I was always at her house—we were like a couple really. We didn't use to argue at all. The problem was that deep down Suzie still really liked me and wanted to be my girlfriend again. Well, it got really complicated and so we decided not to see each other. I feel sad that we've lost touch—best friends are hard to find!