

A2-B1 English Worksheet

School Reunions: Reconnecting with Old Friends and Facing the Past

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Article

School reunions bring classmates together after many years. Some are excited to see old friends; others feel nervous. They may worry about their jobs or families. Even remembering names can be difficult. A reunion can be enjoyable but can also bring back unhappy memories.

In a recent Guardian story, a man attended a reunion to apologise to someone he had not helped at school. His classmate had been bullied, and he regretted staying silent. Their conversation was uncomfortable, but they spoke again. Nobody has to attend if returning to school memories feels painful.

Reunions also offer a chance for surprises. An old friend may have changed completely, while someone you hardly knew could become a new friend. Guests share funny stories, and others prefer to listen. People can stay for an hour or leave early. The most important thing is to feel comfortable and treat others kindly.

True/False

Decide if each statement is True (T) or False (F).

No.	Statement	T / F
1	An invitation to see former classmates may cause concern as well as excitement.	
2	Guests have to remain at the event until it ends.	
3	Meeting again can create friendships between people who barely knew each other.	
4	The man mentioned in the report had protected the pupil who was bullied.	
5	The article suggests everyone remembers school with pleasure.	
6	A school friend may be very different as an adult.	
7	The Guardian story features someone trying to make up for not helping a pupil.	
8	People who receive a reunion invitation are obliged to attend.	

Synonym Match

Match each word (1-10) to a synonym (A-J).

Words (1-10)	Synonyms (A-J)
1. nervous	A. uneasy
2. difficult	B. significant
3. enjoyable	C. hard
4. unhappy	D. opportunity
5. uncomfortable	E. sad
6. completely	F. amusing
7. funny	G. quiet
8. important	H. anxious
9. chance	I. entirely
10. silent	J. pleasant

Use the New Language

Choose 5 words from Synonym Match and write your own sentences.

No.	Your sentence
1	
2	
3	
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Discussion Questions

Student A	Student B
1. Would you go to a school reunion if you were invited?	1. Can meeting former classmates change how we remember school?
2. Which school memory still makes you laugh?	2. Is it fair to compare success through jobs, money or family life?
3. Have you met an old classmate by chance in recent years?	3. Does somebody who behaved badly at school deserve a second chance?
4. Which teacher do you remember most, and why?	4. How can schools prevent bullying from affecting people for years?
5. Did you prefer a small group of friends or a large group at school?	5. Does social media make school reunions less useful?
6. Is there anything you wish you had done differently at school?	6. Do school friends understand us better than friends made as adults?
7. How would you start talking to someone whose name you had forgotten?	7. What makes some people nervous about meeting others from their past?
8. What advice would you give your younger self on the last day of school?	8. How could organisers make reunions welcoming to people who disliked school?

Answer Key

True/False	1=T, 2=F, 3=T, 4=F, 5=F, 6=T, 7=T, 8=F
Synonym Match	1=H, 2=C, 3=J, 4=E, 5=A, 6=I, 7=F, 8=B, 9=D, 10=G

Example Sentences With the Words

No.	Example sentence
1	I felt nervous before seeing my old classmates.
2	It was difficult to remember everyone's name.
3	Our reunion was enjoyable because everyone was friendly.
4	She has unhappy memories of her final year at school.
5	The conversation felt uncomfortable at first.
6	He had changed completely since leaving school.
7	We told funny stories about our teachers.
8	The most important part was seeing old friends.
9	The event gave us a chance to meet again.
10	He stayed silent while the others discussed the incident.