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Interpersonal Communication: Stages of Friendship

1. **First meeting**
* Affected by two things:
	+ Physical appearance
	+ Previous knowledge (reputations)
* Things to do:
	+ Share names
	+ Small talk
* Things not to do:
	+ Share personal information
	+ Argue (avoid religion and politics!)
1. **Acquaintances**
* Not quite strangers, but not quite friends
* Pleasant conversations, but don’t spend time together outside of work/school
1. **Friends**
* Talk more often and for long periods of time
* Discuss personal information
* Have special communication
	+ Inside jokes or slang terms
	+ Finish each other’s sentences
	+ Understand each other’s nonverbals
1. **Best Friends**
* Spend a lot of time together alone over a long period of time
* Through time go through fights, hard times, and rough patches
* Special relationship
	+ Predict each other’s reactions
	+ Do nice things for each other
	+ Stand up for each other
* People typically have 0-3 best friends