Unit 4

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Exercise 1

Match the expressions with the right descriptions.

A) Man's best friend	1) John stood by his girlfriend Mary throughout her illness.
B) Build bridges	2) We are twins; I swear I could tell you her deepest feelings and show you where her hidden freckles are.
C) Friends in high places	3) After quarreling for years, we decided to stop and apologized one to another.
D) Strike up a friendship	4) We got along very well after only five minutes of conversation.
E) **Through thick and thin**	5) Peter was a very good friend to David; he helped him when he lost his job and even offered him a place to stay when he broke up with his wife.
F) See eye to eye	6) Eventually, after a lengthy argument, we reached an agreement.
G) Know inside and out	7) After years of bitter conflict the two sides have started talking in the hope of achieving reconciliation.
H) Bury the hatchet	8) I had been trying to solve the problem for ages; she then showed up and made some magical calls that solved everything right away.
I) **A friend in need is a friend indeed**	9) Some people would say he was his best friend, but I would rather say he was his inseparable shadow in life.

Exercise 2

The text below is a story about friendship. For questions **1- 12**, read the story and use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. Be ready to explain the change you have made.

"I Knew You'd Come" In the War, two friends were out with a night patrol together. When the party (**1**) _____ under heavy fire to their trenches, one of the friends was found to be (**2**) _____. By this time it was getting light, and going back would almost mean certain (**3**) _____, but the one friend insisted on (**4**) _____ out to look for his (**5**)_____friend, and reluctantly the officer gave (**6**) _____. He was seen slowly working his way into no-man's-land, from shell-hole to shell-hole, until he disappeared. When it became dusk again he crawled back and (**7**) _____into the trench, himself (**8**) _____ wounded. While the stretcher-bearers were (**9**) _____to him, the officer said: 'Well I hear you found your friend.' 'Yes, sir, but he only (**10**) _____ for a few minutes.' 'I'm afraid it was (**11**) _____worth it - I wish I hadn't let you go.' With his dying (**12**) _____, the brave soldier replied 'Oh, yes, sir, it was worth it, because when I got to him, he said, 'My good friend, I knew you would come!'	**RETURN** **MISS** **DIE** **CRAWL** **WOUND** **PERMIT** **DROP** **MORTAL** **ATTEND** **LIFE** **HARD** **BREATHE**

Exercise 3

You are going to read a short story about two men who became friends while staying in a hospital room. Six paragraphs have been removed from the story. Choose from the paragraphs **A-F** the one which fits each gap (**1-6**) and discover a beautiful story.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to receive his daily medical treatment. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end.

(1)	

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to
his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

(2)	

The window overlooked a park with a beautiful lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers held hands and walked amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

(3)	

One morning, the nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep.

(4)	

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside**.**

(5)	

The man called for the nurse and asked what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such wonderful things outside this window.

(6)	

The moral of the story is there is tremendous joy in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money cannot buy. Today is a gift, that is why it is called the present.

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A. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by the description of activity and color of the world outside.
B. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.
C. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. To his surprise the window faced a brick wall.
D. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."
E. As the man described his view from the window in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.
F. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, and where they had been on vacation.

Exercise 4

You have attended a panel discussion on how the nature of modern friendships is changing in today's society. You have made the notes below:

Factors affecting modern friendships:

* Social media platforms

* Geographical mobility

* Busy working lifestyles

Some opinions expressed during the discussion:

- *"Online connections often lack the depth of face-to-face interactions."*
- *"Moving for work makes it harder to maintain lifelong bonds."*
- *"People prioritize their careers over spending quality time with friends."*

Instructions:

Write an essay for your tutor discussing **two** of the factors in your notes. You should **explain which factor has a greater impact** on the quality of modern friendships, giving reasons to support your opinion.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.