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Making Friends as an Adult

Turn "sometime" into a real plan.

KEY WORDS

hang out	Spend free time together.	<i>We should hang out sometime.</i>
sometime	At some time, but not a clear day.	<i>We should hang out sometime.</i>
Are you free Saturday?	A question with a real day in it.	<i>Are you free Saturday morning?</i>
stranger	A person you don't know.	<i>The second time, you're not a stranger.</i>
opener	The first thing you say to start a conversation.	<i>Oh, you're here again! That's a nice opener.</i>
That works.	That time or plan is good for me.	<i>Saturday? Sure, that works.</i>

THE STORY

- Ray** Hi, I'm Ray.
- Nina** And I'm Nina.
- Ray** Nina, you moved here two years ago. Was it hard to make friends?
- Nina** Very hard. In school it was easy. You just sit next to someone.
- Ray** And now?
- Nina** Now everyone is busy. Everyone already has friends.
- Ray** So what worked for you?
- Nina** One thing. I stopped saying we should hang out sometime.
- Ray** Why? That sounds friendly.
- Nina** It is friendly. But sometime never comes.
- Ray** That's so true.
- Nina** So now I say a day. Are you free Saturday?
- Ray** Just a day. That's the whole change?
- Nina** That's the whole change. Sometime is a wish. Saturday is a plan.
- Ray** Okay, what else?
- Nina** Go to the same place twice.

Ray The same place?

Nina Yes. The same coffee shop, the same class, the same park. People need to see you more than once.

Ray Because the second time, you're not a stranger.

Nina Exactly. The second time you can say, oh, you're here again.

Ray That's a nice opener.

Nina And one more. Say yes for three months.

Ray Say yes to everything?

Nina Almost everything. For three months, if someone invites you, go. Even when you're tired.

Ray That sounds exhausting.

Nina It is. But after three months, you have people. Then you can say no again.

Ray Let's practice. I'll be someone you just met at a class.

Nina Okay.

Ray That was a good class. See you next week?

Nina Yes! Hey, some of us get coffee after. Are you free Saturday morning?

Ray Saturday? Sure, that works.

Nina Great. Ten o'clock at the place across the street?

Ray See you there.

Nina Done. That took fifteen seconds.

Ray So: name a day, go to the same place twice, and say yes for three months.

Nina That's it for today. See you next time.

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

1. What did Nina stop saying?

- ☐ A Are you free Saturday?
- ☐ B We should hang out sometime.
- ☐ C See you next week.

2. Why go to the same place twice?

- ☐ A The coffee is better.
- ☐ B The second time, you're not a stranger.
- ☐ C It's cheaper.

3. For how long should you say yes to invitations?

- ☐ A One week
- ☐ B Three months
- ☐ C One year

4. When and where do they meet?

- ☐ A Saturday at ten, across the street
- ☐ B Sunday at two, at the class
- ☐ C Friday night, at the park

Shadowing tip. Pick three lines you like from the story. Say each one five times, faster each time, until it sounds natural.

ANSWER KEY

1. **B** Sometime never comes. Now she names a day.
2. **B** People need to see you more than once.
3. **B** Say yes for three months. After that, you have people.
4. **A** Ten o'clock at the place across the street.

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