

A STORY

1 How do you make new friends? Do you do any of these things? Tell your partner.

go to after-school clubs talk to students at school that you don't know sit next to different students in class each day



2 Read Marta's story about a new friend. Where did she meet her friend Sara?

A new friend
 Last month I started a new school. I didn't know anyone, but one girl in my new class was very friendly. She was called Sara. She started talking to me at lunchtime. We talked about clothes and music. It was amazing because we both liked the same things. Then I showed her some photos of my family and my pets. She loved the photos of my animals! After that, I invited her to my house and we were soon good friends. I was very happy!

3 Look at the *Key Language* box. Find words in Marta's story to complete it.

KEY LANGUAGE FOR A STORY

Past simple verbs

I started a new school., I didn't know anyone., We ¹ clothes and music.

Was and were

One girl in my new class ² very friendly., We ³ soon good friends.

Past time expressions

⁴ month, last summer, in the summer holidays

Linking words

and, but, because, I invited her to my house and we were soon good friends., I didn't know anyone, but one girl was very friendly., It was amazing ⁵ we both liked the same things.

4 Read the rules about *and*, *but* and *because*. Then choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

We use *and* to link two similar ideas. *She was kind **and** she was very friendly.*
 We use *but* to link different ideas: *I was tired, **but** I decided to go to the party.*
 We use *because* to give a reason: *I liked Tom **because** he was funny.*

- 1 We talked about football *and* / *but* computer games.
- 2 I liked Harry *but* / *because* he was a football fan, like me.
- 3 There were a lot of people at the party, *because* / *but* I didn't know many of them.
- 4 I wanted to buy a cup of coffee, *but* / *because* I didn't have any money.
- 5 She was very friendly *but* / *and* we decided to go to the cinema together.
- 6 We were soon friends *because* / *but* we liked the same things.

5 Get ready to write a story about a new friend. Plan your ideas.

When did it happen?

Where were you?

Who was the new friend?

What did you first start talking about?

Why did you like him/her?

What happened after that?

6 Write your story. Use your notes in Exercise 5.

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