

## An e-mail to the editor.



Reference: **Testing your friendship**

Dear Editor!

I am writing to you regarding your blog post “Testing friendships” which was published on 18th September.

I have read your text with much interest. I am sorry to say, but I disagree with your opinion that you should test the loyalty of your friends. Such an idea has never occurred to me before. Friendship is about feeling good and free in a relationship. If you already consider someone to be your close friend, you have probably discussed some controversial issues with him or her or entrusted them with some of your secrets, this is what friendship is all about, but I would not call it “testing”.

I find your suggestion to ask my friend for a huge favour or allowing him or her to borrow some money from me only to test our relationship, really mean. How would he or she feel if they found out the reason why I have done it. Would they still consider me their friend?

All in all, I understand your intention, but I do not share your views. In the time of social media friendships when we have many so-called “friends”, we should rather be careful about them friends. Some of our digital friends would probably never pass your test. In real life, however, you know our friends, we should never put them on trial.

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