

CASE STUDIES ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF FRIENDSHIPS**Case Study 2**

You just started high school and you don't know anyone. On the first day of school, you make a friend and you start talking about a city you both visited. It seems that you have a lot in common. Last Saturday night, you had a sleepover together with some other friends, which everyone enjoyed. A few months later, you find out that your parents are getting a divorce. This upsets you and you find it harder to focus on your schoolwork. You talk to your friend about the problems you have at home. She listens sympathetically and says she's really sorry. You mention the subject a few more times when you are hanging out and she suggests that you need to go out more and not think about it so much. At school you learn that she organized a sleepover with your mutual friends and she didn't invite you. Afterwards, she starts spending more time with the other girls who came to her sleepover. You still talk to each other, but your friendship is different now than it was before. She likes to go out with other girls, talk about music and TV shows, and high school crushes. You are often not in a mood for talking about that, but you would still appreciate it if she would invite you. However, the other day you hear her telling another friend how you only talk about depressing things and that she has decided to ignore you.

Questions for a discussion:

1. What kind of friendship is this? Why?
2. Is it lasting? Why?
3. What could both friends do to make this a friendship based on excellence?