

**CASE STUDIES ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF FRIENDSHIPS****Case Study 3:**

You are friends with two other students in your class. You have known each other for years. You are all neighbors and spend a lot of time together. All of you take piano lessons at the music school. You like to practice and then show each other what you have learned. You also help each other to practice when someone doesn't feel like practicing that day or has a problem with learning their music. For the last three weeks, one of your friends hasn't been studying at school or practicing piano like she normally does. You know she is having some problems at home, which is likely why she can't focus properly. You and the other friend go on walks with her and invite her to your place to help her with studying. She sometimes likes to talk for a long time about the things that are bothering her, and sometimes she doesn't talk much, but you still invite her because you want her to know she has friends. The other day, she skipped class together with two other students. They bought a pack of cigarettes and smoked them in a nearby park. When she came back, she said she felt great and that cigarettes are really relaxing. You said that this is only temporary and it will not help her to deal with her problems. She said you don't understand her and that you judge her without knowing how she feels about it. Her other friends said that it was fine since it helps distract her from her problems and makes her feel better. Since that day, she's started doing this more and more. She has been spending more and more time with a group of boys and girls who are into partying, drinking, and other kinds of things. You want to talk to her and tell her this is not good for her, but she won't listen. You tell her that you can't support her behavior and that you don't want to join her in doing all of the things that she is doing. You don't spend as much time together as before, but you told her that you're still her friend and that you're there for her.

**Questions for a discussion:**

1. What kind of friendship is this? Why?
2. Is this a friendship based on excellence in every situation?
3. What could each friend have done differently or better?