

A New Word You Should Know:



Among kids, friendships and friends are so totally important. All too often, adults forget that the same was true for them too, way back then. Each generation of friends had its own rituals and lingo... think “pal,” “buddy,” or “chum.” Kids advise adults: “If you don’t have a bff, you might want to work on that.”



Sam, 12, and Maria, 12

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Comments from Kids


“BFF stands for Best Friend Forever. But it means Soul Mate.” *Sam, 12*

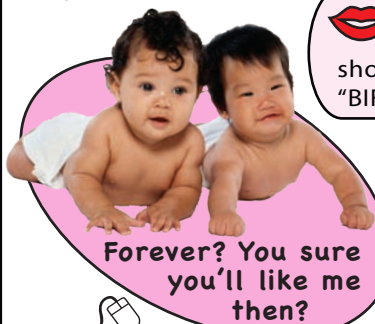
“At first, I used BFF only for texting. Then we started saying BFF on the phone. Now we say it at school too.” *Jessica, 13*

“A bff is someone who accepts you as you are, but also makes you better.” *Veronique, 14*

“I was having a rough time, and I didn’t like my life. Then, this morning in the hall, my awesome friend gave me a heart with the word happiness on it. Now that’s a bff!” *Lynn, 15*

“Yes, we know not to use the word BFF in our homework essays.” *Randall, 12*

 **Pronunciation:** Say all 3 letters: B, F, and F. And BTW, adults shouldn’t pronounce it as the word “BIFF”. You just sound silly. (Sorry!)



Is bff really a “word”?

Okay, actually it’s an acronym. But that means it’s handy, just like these:

- FYI
- O.K.
- TGIF
- ASAP
- DVD
- NATO
- ATM
- FBI
- CD

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