

IES LA ARBOLEDA

A MESSAGE.- TO A FRIEND.- LEAN ON ME

1.- BEFORE LISTENING.

Complete the lyrics by guessing the missing words in the box below.

Sometimes in our lives we all have, we all have But if we are, we know that there's always tomorrow.

..... on me, when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Pleaseyour pride if I have things you need to, for no one can those of your needs that you won't let show. *Just me, brother, when you need a hand;*

we all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to that you can't carry, I'm right up the road. I'll share your load if you just call me.

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| borrow | <i>lean</i> | sorrow | bear/bare | swallow |
| wise | <i>call on</i> | feel/ fill | pane/pain | |

2.- AFTER LISTENING TO THE SONG

2.1.- Check if your answers were the correct ones.

2.2.- In your own words, what is the singer telling his/her friend?

2.3.- Do you agree with the singer's words and attitude?

2.4.- What else would you tell your friend as a clear sign of friendship?

2.5.- Underline the sentence or sentences you like most in the song.

2.6.- Read these quotations and explain what they mean in your own words

“ Happiness makes friends, adversity tries them”

“ A friend is that one with whom you dare to be yourself”

3.- SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION.- FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP

What are the most important qualities a good friend should have? Mention at least three things that make you a good friend of others. When do you consider somebody as your friend for the first time? Can you explain what a fair weather friend is? Give an example or situation that makes it clear. How many real friends have you got? What makes a person your acquaintance and not a friend? What's the name of your closest friend? How long have you met this friend? Why do you like this person?. Some people argue that it's not easy to have friends of different sex. Do you agree with that? Do you know anybody who has a different opinion of friendship as you? Do your parents or elderlies and you share the same opinion of friendship? To your mind, friendship is based on: (mention at least three principles). Does friendship need lots of meetings to be alive? Have you got long-distance friends? If so, what do you do to keep that friendship? What do friends need to have in common?