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- Host: This afternoon we're talking about friendship. I'd like to hear from you what friendship means and whether you feel that maintaining friendships in this era of social media is easier or harder than it used to be.
Let's welcome our first caller, Arthur.
- Arthur: For me friendship is something that changes throughout our lives. When I was in school, I can remember how important friendships were, you know, the "best friends forever" thing. But as I get older, the idea of keeping the same friends doesn't seem realistic. After I left high school and later college, we all went our separate ways, and I didn't have time to keep in touch with friends. I use social media, like everyone else, but I don't really use it to catch up with friends from the past.
- Host: That's an interesting perspective on friendships from Arthur. Let's see if our second caller has a different take. Hello, Yulia.
- Yulia: Hi, I want to respond to the first caller. I really don't agree with him. I'm not saying he's wrong but that my idea of friendship is different. My friends are everything to me, and I really make an effort to keep in contact with them and keep our friendships going. I think that friendships need to be worked on. And I don't mean by using social media. That for me isn't real friendship. Real friendship means spending time with each other.
- Host: So, Yulia feels that keeping up friendships is important. Great, and now we have Tod on the line. Hi, Tod.
- Tod: [phone filter] Hey, I'm surprised by people's comments today about social media. I'm a very sociable person. I love making friends. I travel a lot and I tend to meet people wherever I go and, well, there's another friend! I keep in touch with them **all** on social media,... I guess, on a daily basis with some of them. I don't agree that this isn't as good as actually spending time with a person. It's just the way it is these days.

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Presenter: Good morning, everybody! Today's topic is how we relax on the weekend. We're going to be talking to Kevin, Vicky, and Chris.
Let's start with you, Kevin.

Kevin: I have a hard job and work a lot of hours during the week. I'm in an office all day, so on the weekend I like to be active. I love sports, so I often spend my weekends playing sports, talking about sports, or watching sports on TV. Most Friday evenings I meet friends after work, and we usually make plans for the weekend. Saturday mornings we get together to play basketball, and then in the afternoon we play soccer. On Saturday evenings we watch whatever sporting event is on TV. Then on Sundays we do more of the same!

Presenter: That sounds like an active weekend. Hey Vicky, what about you?

Vicky: Saturday mornings are special for me. It's the time to be on my own and look back on the week. I get up at about 6 o'clock, and I do a session of yoga for about half an hour. Then I do some meditation and feel like new. I've forgotten all about the work week! For breakfast I prepare a bowl of fresh fruit, and if the weather is good, I go outside and sit in the backyard. The rest of the day I spend relaxing, reading a book, and listening to music. I just enjoy being alone.

Presenter: Thanks Vicky. And now, Chris!

Chris: I always have a busy weekend. During the week I don't have time to do the shopping or to clean my apartment. I love being in a tidy place, so for me it's important to clean and organize my home. So, yeah, shopping, cleaning, and I also cook for the week ahead. Some people would probably think this is quite boring, but I love to do it because I feel prepared for the week ahead. On Sundays I relax in my clean apartment knowing that I have food in the fridge for next week's lunches.

