

# **Course: Advanced**

## **Level 3**

Day №03

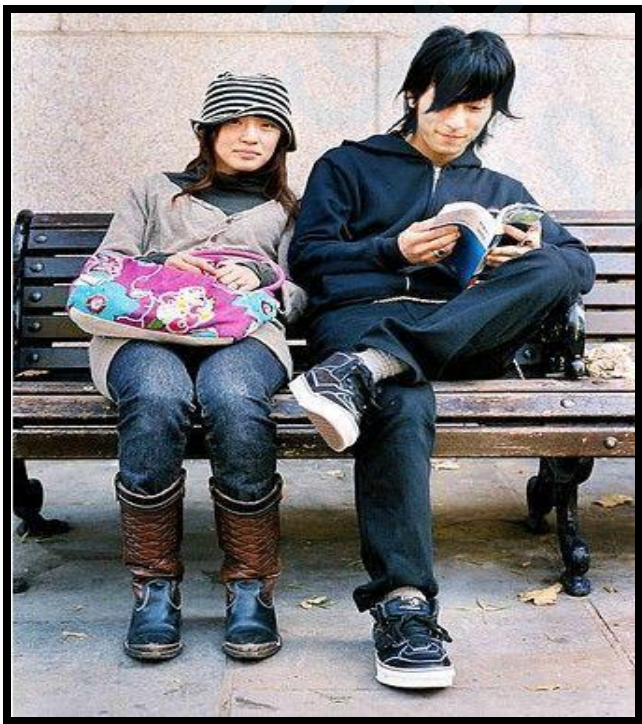


# ***Do you have a best friend?***

*How did you meet?  
What did you do together?*



*Keiko and Akira have been friends for a long time. But they might not be friends any longer. What has happened to hurt, or even end, their friendship?*



Akira and I were leaving the university library after several hours after studying for an exam, something we often do together. We stopped to say good night. "Good night, Akira. See you tomorrow. I know you'll do well on the test."

Akira took me by surprise. "Keiko, let me kiss you good night. Come here, come close to me." "What are you doing, Akira?"

I asked, hardly able to speak. "You are my best friend. We have been friends for five years. You are closer to me than my brother. And now you want to kiss me?"

"Yes, very much. I want our friendship to be even closer", Akira said.

"No, no, no! I don't think of you in that way. You are my friend. Best friends don't act that way." I said.

Then Akira said, "What, Keiko? I'm confused... I don't understand. Don't you see me as a man?"

"Of course you are a man. And a handsome man, Akira. But you are a special man ---- my best friend. We can't do this. Don't you understand?" I tried to explain myself to him, but he still didn't understand.



He said, "Not at all Keiko. Here is how I see it. You are a woman and I am a man. We like each other very much. We are close to one another. So let's do what is natural in any male-female relationship."

I said, "Natural? I think our friendship is natural. I thought I understood you, Akira. Maybe I was wrong."

So you really don't like me at all!. You just want someone to talk to. Well, Keiko, find someone else to talk to. I'll find a woman who sees me as a man."

Akira turned and walked away quickly. As I walked to my apartment. I thought about what happened and I felt so sad. In my heart I knew that Akira was wrong. Men and women can be friends without being lovers. But maybe I was wrong. What if all men were like Akira? I don't know.

### CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE. Circle T, F or I (not enough information)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Keiko and Akira have been friends for years?                                        | T / F / NI |
| 2. Akira wants to marry Keiko.                                                         | T / F / NI |
| 3. Keiko sees Akira as her brother.                                                    | T / F / NI |
| 4. Akira will look for a girlfriend and stop seeing Keiko.                             | T / F / NI |
| 5. In her heart, Keiko believes that men and women can be friends without being lovers | T / F / NI |



***Have you ever had a close friendship with someone of the opposite sex?***

Tell me about that friendship.



This is an important topic in terms of modern relationships. In my view, men have to stop treating women as objects. They need to stop \_\_\_\_\_ pretty girls as decorations. In this case, I think Keiko has a right to be shocked and \_\_\_\_\_. And I think Akira should be \_\_\_\_\_ of himself. He should write a letter of apology to Keiko.

Maybe he should invite all their mutual friends and publicly stand up and say, "I'm sorry Keiko for treating you as a \_\_\_\_\_ object. Good idea, don't you think? Personally, I'd like Keiko and all of her friends and indeed all young women to stand up for their \_\_\_\_\_ to self respect, and indeed their right to be \_\_\_\_\_ and not only lovers with men.

UPSET

FRIENDS

SEX

TREATING

RIGHT

ASHAMED



## What do you think?

**Anna:** Keiko and Akira should spend some time away from each other.



**Shingo:** Keiko and Akira should try being a couple. A strong friendship is important in any romantic relationship.



**Mark:** Keiko should find her own boyfriend.



**Iris:** Keiko should tell Akira how she feels. Maybe he feels the same way.

## Grammar point

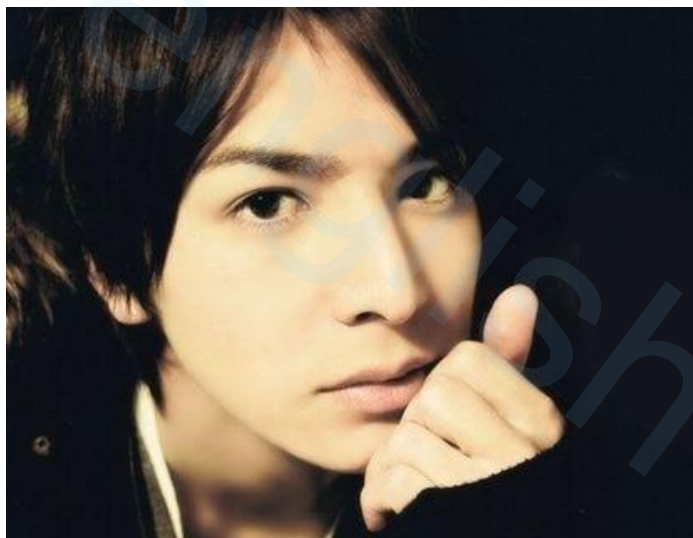
COULD – gives options and suggestions

SHOULD – gives strong advice and suggestions

Complete the following sentences using the words SHOULD and COULD.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ have asked her about the situation first before judging her.
2. John \_\_\_\_\_ know the feelings of his best friend about the break up.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ talk to her about the incident happened this morning.
4. Sharon \_\_\_\_\_ never assumed about his intentions in the first place.
5. Parents \_\_\_\_\_ do something to influence their children in choosing friends.
6. Leo \_\_\_\_\_ listen or talk to his friend who is hurting right now.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ think of different ways on how to solve this issue.





What advice could you give to Akira?

What advice could you give to Keiko?

Reasons why they can be friends

Reasons why they can't be friends

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I

agree with Mark

Mark is right.

Keiko needs to find her  
own boyfriend

Yeah,

I think

that's a good idea

you're right

Really

I don't think

That's such a good  
idea.

So.



***Thank you for  
today!***

***I'm looking forward to  
seeing you again!***