



## Elementary

**Today you are going to read about the famous TV series, Friends. I'm sure everyone is familiar with it.**

**Ma a híres TV sorozatról, a Jóbarátokról fogtok olvasni. Biztos vagyok benne, hogy mindenki ismeri a sorozatot.**

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*First read the text about the characters. But be careful, there are some words missing. Try and complete the text with words from the list.*

*Először olvasd el a szöveget a szereplőkről. De vigyázz, mert néhány szó hiányzik. Próbáld meg kiegészíteni a szöveget a listán szereplő szavakkal.*

### 1. LOSING / AFTER / TWINS / CLEAN / AFFAIR

She is the younger sister of Ross Geller. She became the Mother Hen of the group. She always looked 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the other five Friends and cooked them delicious meals. She used to be a fat child. When she joined the Brown Birds (a Girl Scouts-type of organization); she ate all the cookies she had to sell. She kept the weight until she was 18, then lost it in one year after she overheard Chandler call her "fat". The writers of the series often used flashbacks to show the overweight girl. She is very obsessive about the state of her apartment. She described the cleaner as her Disneyland. This characteristics is exaggerated, for example, she categorised the towels into 11 sections- Everyday Use, Guest, Fancy Guest, or when Ross told her that one of his girlfriends had an incredibly messy flat, she tried to go and 2. \_\_\_\_\_ it because she simply couldn't sleep. She is also very competitive, and hates 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

She even broke her brother's nose in a game. She is a chef, and she is obsessive and competitive about it. She was eventually hired as head chef at a local restaurant, Allesandro's. At first, most of the employees hate her, but when she hired Joey as a waiter, just to fire him later and show how tough she is, her problems disappeared.

She began an 4. \_\_\_\_\_ with Chandler. This happened at Ross's disastrous wedding to English girl Emily in London. They kept their relationship secret for a time but finally Joey found out and it spread throughout the group. The two fell in love and moved in together. They got married, and they adopted 5. \_\_\_\_\_, Erica and Jack.

### 2. BEST / DUCK / LOVES / SPECIAL / MARRIED

He comes from an Italian-American family of 8 children, of which he is the only male. He is an actor. His most famous role was as Dr. Drake Ramoray on the serial drama *Days of Our Lives*. He is very simple-minded, 1. \_\_\_\_\_ sandwiches, and very popular among women. He shared an apartment with his 2. \_\_\_\_\_ friend Chandler Bing. The two formed perhaps one of the most likeable and enduring television friendships in sitcom history. They fight with each other like an old 3. \_\_\_\_\_ couple. They had lots of adventures together, for example they bought a chick and a 4. \_\_\_\_\_. When Monica and Chandler moved to the suburbs, they told him that he would have a special 5. \_\_\_\_\_ in their house where he could stay whenever he wanted to.

### 3. COLLEGE / NAME / MONKEY / INTELLIGENT / PROFESSOR

He is the older brother of Monica Geller, and was often favored by their parents (particularly their mother) over her. He later went to 1. \_\_\_\_\_ where he met Chandler Bing, with whom he formed a band, and Carol Willick, who became his first wife. At college, he trained for a career in palaeontology (on a bet), completing his PhD, and later became employed at the New York Museum of Prehistoric History. After his divorce from Carol, he adopted a capuchin 2. \_\_\_\_\_ named Marcel. The relationship was troublesome at first, but the two grew quite close, until Marcel's sexual drive (causing him to hump inanimate objects and people's legs) forced him to donate him to the San Diego Zoo. He moved to the apartment where the Naked Ugly Guy used to live. He was fired from the museum due to a problem with rage blackouts, after the breakdown of his second marriage, the loss of his apartment because his boss had eaten his Thanksgiving-



leftovers sandwich. He later found a job as a 3. \_\_\_\_\_ at New York University. He is very unlucky in love. His first wife divorced him because she discovered she was a lesbian. At his second wedding ceremony he said Rachel's 4. \_\_\_\_\_ instead of Emily's which led to their break-up. Then he married again when he and Rachel were drunk in Las Vegas. They got divorced. He was in and out of relationship with Rachel throughout the series. He is the most 5. \_\_\_\_\_ of the friends, he is a nerd sometimes.

#### 4. HATED / TOWEL / NASAL / ROOMMATE / BREAK UP

His mother is an erotic novelist, and his father a Las Vegas star. He was Ross's 1. \_\_\_\_\_ at college. He met Ross' sister, Monica Geller, and her friend Rachel Green while celebrating Thanksgiving at the Geller family residence. He has great humour. His conversations with Phoebe are great fun: they talk about funny topics, for example why Donald Duck wears a 2. \_\_\_\_\_ when getting out of the shower, to why there isn't a superhero called "Goldman". He famously shared an apartment with his best friend Joey Tribbiani. The two formed perhaps one of the most likeable and enduring television friendships in sitcom history. They fight with each other like an old married couple. They had lots of adventures together, for example they bought a chick and a duck. He began an affair with his close friend Monica Geller in London. They had been friends for some time and had met when Chandler and Ross went to college together. Before his relationship with Monica, he had an off- and on-again relationship with Janice. With her big hair, her 3. \_\_\_\_\_ voice and laugh, and her tendency to say "Oh... my... God!" (with noticeable pauses in between each word) in every conversation, Chandler spent most of his time trying to 4. \_\_\_\_\_ with Janice. He worked as a Data-Processor, a job which he thoroughly 5. \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 5. DRUNK / WEDDING / WAITRESS / REPAIRED / ACCIDENTALLY

In the first episode she ran into Central Perk in wedding dress which was absolutely wet. She was looking for her old friend Monica. The two didn't have much contact since grammar school. She was very popular during grammar school. She escaped from her 1. \_\_\_\_\_ to Barry Faber because she discovered that she didn't want that guy any longer. During the episodes, it turns out that she never had a job, and she always lived on her father's money. Her dad was really angry with her because of the wedding, and he said that if she doesn't marry Barry, he will not pay her credit cards. The other characters of Friends encouraged her to start a new life in New York City. She is a typical spoiled daddy's girl. She got her first job as a 2. \_\_\_\_\_ at Central Perk, but she was hopeless because she took too long breaks to sit with her friends, and also because she always mixed up the orders. Later, Joey and Chandler encouraged her to start a career in fashion. Finally, she became a personal shopper at Bloomingdale's, and later a buyer for Ralph Lauren. Ross was in love with her since their schooldays, and they are in and out of their relationship all through the series. On their trip to Las Vegas, the two got married while they were 3. \_\_\_\_\_. She got pregnant from Ross later, and gave birth to Emma. However, throughout the episodes, she had lots of other relationships, for example with the Italian guy, Paolo. For half of the series, she lived in Monica's apartment. However, when Chandler moved in with Monica, she moved out to give them some privacy. From then on, she lived with Phoebe. They got on well with each other, but she 4. \_\_\_\_\_ caused a fire in the flat, and she had to spend some time living with Joey. However, by the time Phoebe's apartment was 5. \_\_\_\_\_, she was enjoying living with Joey so much that she decided to stay.

#### 6. YELLOW / PORNOGRAPHIC / CHILD / STREETS / RIGHTS

She has a very strange past, and she is very strange, too. Her biological mother gave birth to her and her twin sister, but left them soon. Their biological father and his new wife, Lily brought them up. But their father left them as well, and Lily brought them up alone. She thought Lily was her biological mother. She only speaks with her twin sister when it's really necessary. Her sister, Ursula is not very nice because she used her sister's name when she appeared in a 1. \_\_\_\_\_ movie. When she was a teenager, she was homeless, and lived on the 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of New York City. Aromatherapy and massage became her profession. She later moved into her grandmother Frances' apartment, and inherited her 3. \_\_\_\_\_ taxi after her death. She has a half-brother, Frank, named after their father. She discovered Frank on one of her attempts to find her father.



After marrying his home economics teacher, Frank Jr. asked her if she would act as a surrogate mother to them as they are desperate to have children, but they are not able to do so. She agreed and gave birth to triplets. Her somewhat dubious musical skills were a popular source of entertainment. Her most famous song is Smelly Cat. Its lyrics is the following:

Smelly cat, Smelly cat,  
What are they feeding you?  
Smelly cat, Smelly cat,  
It's not your fault.

### Verse

They won't take you to the vet,  
You're obviously not their favorite pet,  
You may not be a bed of roses,  
And you're no friend to those with noses.

She is a champion of animal 4. \_\_\_\_\_ and the environment. She is a vegetarian, and eats "nothing with a face". However, when she was depressed after her husband left her, she ate a cheeseburger, and when she was pregnant, she ate meat, too. She cries when flowers die, and arranges funerals for them, and she feels sorry when she accidentally sits on an ant, and kills it.

She didn't have a normal and complete childhood, so she is very naïve and innocent. In fact, she is still a 5. \_\_\_\_\_ at heart, for example she believed in Santa Claus until Joey told her the truth. She never had a bike when she was a kid, so when Ross gave her a pink one, she was overjoyed. She believes in paranormal things, and suggests that she has telepathic abilities.

*Now match the descriptions with the characters. Párosítsd össze a szereplőket a leírásokkal.*

1. Rachel Green
2. Monica Geller
3. Phoebe Buffay
4. Joey Tribbiani
5. Chandler Bing
6. Ross Geller

### Intermediate

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WAITRESS / THEME SONG / INTRODUCTION / CLEAN / COLLEGE PROFESSOR / TIDY / HAIR-STYLES / ELEGANCE / THREE / FOUR / LANGUAGE / DESCRIBE / SAY / JOKES / MAIN / FUN

The show focused on the lives of a group of six friends: rich, spoiled "daddy's girl" Rachel Green, learning to make it on her own; neurotically 1. \_\_\_\_ chef Monica Geller; wise-cracking office drone Chandler Bing; simple minded actor Joey Tribbiani; nerdy paleontologist Ross Geller, who goes through 2. \_\_\_\_\_ failed marriages; and quirky, ditzy, optimistic masseuse and folk singer-songwriter Phoebe Buffay.

As the plot begins, Rachel has just left her fiancé Barry at the altar and moves in with her childhood best friend, Monica. The pair live across the hall from Chandler and Joey and hang out



with Monica's brother, Ross – who recently divorced his lesbian wife. Then there is Phoebe - the "free spirit" of the bunch (and the quirkiest) and Monica's old roommate. The settings for the show include Monica's apartment, Chandler and Joey's apartment, Ross's apartment, Phoebe's apartment and the local coffee house, Central Perk (a flashback episode later reveals that the coffee house was originally a bar that was also frequented by Chandler, Monica, Phoebe and Ross before Joey and Rachel joined the group).

After moving to the city, Rachel got her first job as a 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the coffee house. She later became an assistant to a buyer and personal shopper at Bloomingdale's, and later a buyer for Ralph Lauren. Monica struggled for success the first several seasons, but eventually became head chef at a well-respected restaurant. Chandler worked his way up in data processing and eventually switched to a career in advertising (by the last few seasons) after quitting his previous job. After on-and-off success as a soap opera actor, Joey's career eventually stabilized with a regular part on a soap opera from which he had been fired earlier in the series' run (along with a few odd jobs). Palaeontologist Ross eventually became a 4. \_\_\_\_\_ . Phoebe made a living as a singer-songwriter and a masseuse (she also had lots of odd jobs throughout the series).

Constant story lines throughout the series are the on/off romance between Ross and Rachel and, later in the series, the developing relationship between Chandler and Monica. The show uses non-stop exaggerated, deadpan humor that are frequently not related to the plot. Some 5. \_\_\_\_\_ are related to sexual activity, politics and innuendo, sometimes non-sequiturs. The show also occasionally developed on serious angles such as relationship breakups. Situational humor, ironic humor, and irony were also frequently used. Also, many of the humor is explained on many untold and unseen experiences of the main characters.

The show's 6. \_\_\_\_\_, "I'll Be There For You" by The Rembrandts, became a major hit after a Tennessee disc jockey looped it into a full length track and played it on the radio. The popularity of the show was such that, by the end of the series, the six 7. \_\_\_\_\_ cast members were each paid US\$1,000,000 per episode.<sup>1</sup> *Friends* has, in some areas, made a notable contribution to popular culture – 8. \_\_\_\_\_ and fashion in particular. The use of "so" to mean "very" or "really" was not invented by any *Friends* writer, but it is quite arguable that the extensive use of the phrase in the series encouraged its use in everyday life. Also commonly said by the characters, particularly Monica, was the loud "I know!" The series has also been noted for its impact on everyday-fashion and 9. \_\_\_\_\_. Jennifer Aniston, in particular, had her hair-style copied by many. Along with this, Joey Tribbiani's catchphrase, "How *you* doin'?" has become a popular part of American slang, often used as a pick-up line or when greeting friends. The phrase "Ross and Rachel" is used to 10. \_\_\_\_\_ an on/off relationship with a 'history', or in a situation like "Are you on a real break, or a Ross and Rachel break?"

## Advanced

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*Friends* had many running gags throughout the span of the show. Some of the most famous include:

### **The One... (episode titles)**

Almost every episode name starts with these two words. This is in reference to the fact that most sitcoms do not display the title of their episodes, so fans must discuss the main plot points with each other when referring to specific episodes. The two exceptions to this 1. \_\_\_\_\_ are the episodes entitled 'The Last One' and 'The One Hundredth'. The first episode with the title 'Pilot' is also known as 'The First One'.



## **Fat Monica**

Monica, now 2. \_\_\_\_\_ and attractive, was obese as a child. She and the other characters would often refer to her "fat past" and several flashbacks throughout the series allowed us to see just how she looked then. Often, when they showed episodes like this, the scene that would play at the end during the credits would be Fat Monica dancing to uptempo music.

Monica's personality quirks

In some of the episodes, Monica is shown as a clean freak as well as person who loves to be in 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of organizing things such as parties. She is also known to be overly competitive and a bit aggressive. She also always has to be the hostess.

## **Chick and the duck**

In season three Joey decided to take a chick (later grew up and became a rooster) as a pet for him and Chandler. Chandler got the duck in the days that followed as it was going to be slaughtered. The girls often disagreed with this and they even decided to bet and make Chandler and Joey get rid of their pets in case they win. However this simply caused them to lose their apartment instead. No one ever knows what happens to the chick and the duck. The show simply stopped filming them and stopped showing them in episodes, but in a later episode it is discovered that Chandler took them away to a 'farm' but we can infer that they were put down. This is said to spare Joey's feelings. In the last episode of *Friends*, Joey buys Chandler and Monica a new chick and duck as a going away 4. \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Gunther likes Rachel**

When Gunther appeared in an episode, it usually involved his anything-but-secret crush on Rachel, who remains oblivious to his feelings throughout the show until the series finale.

Ross' tendency to divorce

Ross is married a total of three times throughout the course of the show, and each of these marriages 5. \_\_\_\_\_ in divorce.

## **Phoebe's music**

Phoebe was often a busking musician at Central Perk and was known for her rather unusual, original songs, especially "Smelly Cat".

## **"Oh...My...GOD!"**

Chandler's hard-to-get-rid-of girlfriend, Janice's catchphrase "Oh...My...GOD!" is used as her introductory line in her guest appearances. She is also known for her annoying, piercing idiosyncratic 6. \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Chandler's humor**

Chandler would often drop sarcastic, snide 7. \_\_\_\_\_, typically in response to the actions of his friends (especially Joey). A psychoanalyst tells him that he probably "started using humor as a defense mechanism when his parents broke up." Chandler uses the exact words to justify himself occasionally.

He is also known for saying phrases matching the form of "Could [object(s)] be any more [description]?" In addition to many other jokes in the show, this phrase in particular is known to have been a significant influence upon popular culture.

## **"How You Doin'?"**

This is Joey's pick-up line. It has an identical effect on the majority of women he uses it on; they giggle uncontrollably and instantly warm to him.

We were on a break!

When Rachel and Ross broke-up temporarily, and Ross slept with the Xerox girl Chloe, there was a constant argument between the two about their subsequent breakup being of good cause. This was a common running gag in the series.

## **Ugly Naked Guy**

'Ugly Naked Guy' as the gang called him, lived in an apartment opposite Monica's. The group would often see him doing outrageous things, whilst naked of course, yet the audience only sees him once, during "The One With the Poking Device". After several seasons of this gag, Ross manages to make an agreement with Ugly Naked Guy to move into his apartment. From then on Ross lived opposite Monica's apartment. However, in a flashback episode, we learn that 'Ugly Naked Guy' used to be 'Cute Naked Guy'.



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## **"I KNOW!" (Stressing both words)**

Monica's little catchphrase.

## **Phoebe's mysterious history**

There are many references to Phoebe's life on the street, run-ins with cops, being in prison, even selling sombreros to ethnic minorities. In fact, there is one episode, "The One with the Mugging" when the other five friends find out that Phoebe mugged Ross in their teenage years. Towards the end of the series, when Rachel is moving to Paris, Phoebe mentions how she will "be able to travel internationally again" when the Statute of Limitations runs out.

## **Joey's ignorance**

Several times during the show Joey has been depicted as ignorant and in simple terms, stupid.

## **"Gay" Chandler**

Frequently the sexuality of Chandler is questioned. When Chandler asks what makes him seem gay, the only answer the others can think of is he has a "quality". Phoebe herself 8. \_\_\_\_\_ in one episode that the first time she met Chandler she thought he was gay.