



## Elementary

Sam was a very shy person. He didn't go out because he didn't like meeting new people, and he didn't enjoy talking with others, so it was very difficult, or even impossible for him to MAKE FRIENDS WITH ANYONE. Maybe that's why he had a lot of TIME TO KILL. But he used his free time in a very clever way: he read a lot of books. He had a lot of favourite books and read them OVER AND OVER AGAIN. However, after a while, he became fed up with being alone all the time, and decided to talk with people. He surfed the Internet, and found a lot of PENFRIENDS. This way, he had four friends, and HE TOOK these people VERY SERIOUSLY. He always answered their letters immediately, and listened carefully to them, so his new friends liked him very much. There was one girl among them, and she loved Sam a lot because she found him very honest, intelligent, sensitive and kind, so she THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM. However, Sam was still too shy to start anything, so the girl decided to visit him, and tell him about her feelings. So one day while Sam was writing an e-mail, there was a knock on the door. Sam opened it, and there was the girl with a bunch of flowers and an engagement ring. When Sam discovered why she came, he NEARLY JUMPED OUT OF HIS SKIN.

## Intermediate

Jim used to be a very successful and influential person, however, some time ago, everything changed. While he was rich and lives in a luxurious villa, he had a lot of friends. They always came and visit him, and so there were people IN EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY in his home. Unfortunately, he was not wise enough to realise their real intentions. They were only FAIR-WEATHER FRIENDS and only wanted TO HAVE A FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES in case they get into RUT and need someone to help them get out of it. All in all, they were all A WASTE OF SPACE who just wanted to prey on someone. One day two of them went up to Jim, and told him their sad stories about their sick children and hard lives. As Jim was very sensitive, he started crying and promised them a huge amount of money just to enable them to get their kids cured. However, somehow these two men stole HIM BLIND, and he became very poor, and even homeless. Since then, if you mention friends to him, YOU STIRKE A RAW NERVE WITH IT.

## Advanced

Kate had always BEEN A FRIEND OF the environment, and no matter what had to be done, she did it without A SECOND THOUGHT. However, once she went too far. She heard about a protest to be organised to protect whales, and she made up her mind to participate actively in the protest. The day before the protest she WAS ON PINS AND NEEDLES about it that she decided to go there at night, and start the protest all alone. Despite the fact that she was alone, she made more fuss than a hundred people would have done. She painted the walls of the factories red and broke their windows, and wrote 'Protect the whales, kill the huge factories' everywhere. As a consequence of her action, she was handcuffed and taken to court. On the day of her trial, YOU COULD CUT THE ATMOSPHERE WITH A KNIFE in the courtroom. Both the judge and the jury were AT SIXES AND SEVENS about her behaviour, as she had always been considered an intelligent and nice woman. Hardly had the trial began when they dropped the case as she was thought to have gone mad. Everyone in town was very much surprised about the outcome, and even supposed that she had A FRIEND AT COURT and she had GREASED HIS PALM to get him help her out of the trouble. Despite all these, she was allowed to leave on condition that she never takes part in any kind of protest.