

Friendship in Action

An activity of "Friendship without borders".

Can two people who are rivals be good friends? Read "Friendship without borders" (pages 26–27, *What's Up* March 2024). Be encouraged by the heartwarming friendships between these Olympic rivals and how they cared for each other.

A. ON YOUR OWN

Read the following sentences. Use the story to identify the athlete(s) and write the corresponding letter in the right column. The first one has been done as an example.

A) Carolina Marin	C) Jesse Owens	E) Mutaz Barshim
B) PV Sindhu	D) Luz Long	F) Gianmarco Tamberi

1. He was one of the first to congratulate his rival who won the gold medal in long jump.	D
2. Though these two friends competed against each other, they posed for photographs together and walked arm-in-arm after the competition.	_____ and _____
3. He asked the official if he and his rival could each win a gold medal for the high jump competition.	_____
4. He hugged his friend with joy.	_____
5. These two friends kept in touch after the Olympics and wrote letters to each other.	_____ and _____
6. Even after his friend died in the war, he started corresponding with his friend's son and thus preserved their friendship.	_____
7. This friend posted a get-well-soon message on social media to her friend who missed the Games due to a serious knee injury.	_____
8. They were good friends long before the Olympics and had attended each other's weddings.	_____ and _____
9. This friend apologised to her rival for her unfriendly behaviour after they both received yellow cards for their verbal outbursts at a match.	_____
10. They supported each other when they suffered similar injuries at different points in their lives.	_____ and _____

B. IN SMALL GROUPS

Form groups of two or three. Within your group, take turns to share acts of kindness that your group members have seen classmates do. Record the acts in this table.

<i>(i) An act of kindness ...</i>
<i>(ii) An act of kindness ...</i>
<i>(iii) An act of kindness ...</i>
<i>(iv) An act of kindness ...</i>

Use the above actions to help each of you to come up with a one-liner friendship quote. For example: “*A friend encourages you when you are down.*” Help one another with the wording of your quotes.

Your one-liner friendship quote:

Write your quote on a slip of paper and decorate it.

C. AS A WHOLE CLASS

Come together as a class to make a collage of everyone’s friendship quotes and display it in the classroom. Let your collage be a reminder that actions speak louder than words.