



What's going on?

Since 2007, John Lewis have released Christmas adverts. Each year, viewers tune in to watch the story unfold and see what message it shares. This year's John Lewis advert is all about friendship. A young alien, Skye, lands on Earth and meets Nathan, who helps her experience Christmas for the first time. Nathan introduces his new friend to festive traditions such as eating mince pies, wearing a Christmas jumper and lighting up the tree before Skye has to leave and return home in her spaceship.

Question:

What do you look for in a good friend?

Listen, think, share

- Look at the poster image and talk about what you can see. What do you think these people might be doing? Do you think they are friends? How can you tell? Explain that this is Skye, who is an alien, and Nathan and they both feature in this year's John Lewis Christmas advert. Skye's spaceship lands on Earth and she meets Nathan. They soon become friends.
- Watch the useful video, sharing the John Lewis advert, then look at the additional resource, which shows some of the moments from the advert. For each one, think about your friendships and if you have ever done any of these things for a friend. Has a friend ever done any of these things for you? How did it make you feel?
- Think about some of the things you like about your friends e.g. they are kind, make you laugh, can keep your secrets, help you, make you feel good, share things with you, play with you. Are all of your friends the same? Do you enjoy your friendships with different friends for different reasons? Do you think everyone looks for the same things in the friends they choose?
- Explain that sometimes friendships can be tricky and people make mistakes. Has a friend ever done anything that made you feel upset or have you ever upset one of your friends? What was it? How did it make you feel? Did you continue to be friends? Do you think being able to forgive someone is an important part of a friendship?
- Think about yourself. What do you think your friends like about you? What makes you a good friend to others? Are you similar to or different from your friends? Do you think a good friend has to have the same interests, enjoy the same things, behave in the same way as you?

Reflection

There are many different reasons why we choose our friends. Our friendships are special and important and having a good friend can make us feel happy. It is important to remember we are also a friend to others and must try our best to be a good one too.

Web Links

Useful video – John Lewis advert

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTttgc0DPA4