

# Friendship

Many people believe friendship happens naturally, but Sophia learned that true friendship is something we must practice.

At the beginning of the school year, Sophia joined a new class. In the new class, everyone seemed to have their own groups, inside jokes, and shared memories. This made Sophia feel a bit lonely and invisible. She hoped to fit in and make some new friends.

At first, she waited for someone coming to talk to her. She believed there would be someone, a new friend, soon. But no one came. She felt so disappointed and unsure of herself. However, during a class discussion, the teacher said something important: "Friendship is built through actions, not wishes." At that moment, Sophia was deeply motivated.

Sophia decided to change her approach by just waiting. She began her actions by listening carefully to others. She noticed who needed help, who felt shy, and who was often left out. She started offering help with homework and inviting others to join games. Being friendly and kind was what she did.

One day, a classmate named Lucas made a mistake during a presentation. Some students laughed at Lucas. Sophia spoke up kindly and encouraged Lucas to continue his presentation. After the class, Lucas came to thank her. That moment became the beginning of their strong friendship.

Over time, Sophia learned that friendship requires patience, honesty, and courage. Friends do not always agree with each other, but they respect each other. When friends make mistakes, they learn to forgive and grow together.

Sophia realized she had become happier and more confident, not because the others changed, but because she did. Friendship was not something she just waited to gain. It was something she created and won.

True friendship is a skill that makes both hearts stronger. We can all practice it.