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Interaction Frequency and Functions of Friendship for Undergraduates

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The purpose of this study was to compare a high-interaction (HI) friend and a low-interaction (LI) friend. Undergraduates, 166 men and 140 women, 306 in total, were asked to imagine a HI or LI friend, and complete a 98-item questionnaire concerning functions of the friendship. Results indicated that most undergraduates had both HI and LI friends. And "support" and "shared activity" characterized HI friendship, whereas "ease of mind," "mutual understanding," and "expectation of long-term tie" did LI friendship.

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