

AP Language and Composition
High School Drama pt. 2
(40 Minutes)

Steve and Carly flirt with each other in every single one of their classes. Everyone sees it. Carly wanted to invite him to a party she's hosting this weekend. Sara, who has been friends with Carly since the 3rd grade, has recently developed a crush on Steve and asked him to go as her date to Carly's party. Sara had a great time but Carly was devastated. It's been two weeks since the party—Sara and Carly haven't spoken to each other since—and now Carly needs to make a decision about their friendship.

Read the following sources and accompanying contextual information carefully. Write a DM that synthesizes the material from at least three sources and develop a position on whether Carly should continue her friendship with Sara.

Source A - Statements

Source B - Article

Source C – Text Messages

Source D - Instagram

Source E – Class picture (3rd grade)

Source F -- Song lyrics

Source G – Diary entry

Source A – Statements

Dannielle continues to be a credible source for accurate school gossip, but she is also overly dramatic. She continues to be to the lead roles in the school drama club. She said, “I was told by Lindsey that Rodger said that Carly was devastated when Sara walked into her house with Steve. She spent the rest of the night avoiding her.”

Marc, Carly’s ex-boyfriend and good friends with Anna, told Anna that he always notices Carly and Steven flirt in Mr. Jones’ class: “Everyone knows they flirt it’s so obvious to everyone else in the class that she likes him. She doesn’t even try to hide it.”

Anna who is trying to date Marc, said that Carly is just as big a flirt as Marc, but nobody takes her seriously.

Sara was overheard saying, “She hasn’t text me back in a week. If she liked him that much, she should have said something. And after all we’ve been through in the last year.

Mr. Nelson—Sara’s English teacher—recently told his class about how a friend of his from high school no longer speak. “There are some friends you keep and some you lose along the way,” he said. Obviously, Mr. Nelson has never seen a friendship as tight as Sara and Carly.

After reading *Julius Caesar* and grading the research papers, Mr. Jones—Carly’s English teacher—reminded all of his students that even though we might hurt each other, the test of a true friendship is how they reconcile.

Source B
Seventeen Magazine

How to End a Friendship

When we form a friendship with someone, we don't think about it possibly fracturing one day. You can't imagine your childhood friend not being the first person you text every morning, or your college bestie not standing by your side on graduation day. But sometimes, no matter how long or how strong the connection once was, friendships end.

Breaking up with a friend or coming to terms with a friendship loss is *not* easy, regardless of how it happens. "The continuum of reasons why friendships end runs from neutral to more intense, hurtful reasons," Dr. Pauline Yeghnazar Peck, a Santa Barbara, California-based licensed psychologist, explains. Some friendships gradually dissolve as years pass, schools change, and interests shift. Other friendships grow toxic.

Unlike ending romantic relationships, the guidelines to severing a platonic friendship are less talked about, but oftentimes, more painful. You're losing a person who you cared for, trusted, and considered your chosen family. You talked in your own secret language, had Saturday night sleepovers, and gossiped about crushes. In the midst of a friendship conflict, the person you want to confide in most might be the one you need distance from.

Friendships experience ups and downs, but when you're left feeling consistently dejected and drained from someone, it might be time to walk away. Here, Dr. Peck and Dr. Neha Chaudhary, child and adolescent psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School and chief medical officer at BeMe Health, explain how to end a friendship and how to protect your feelings in the process.

After a friendship breakup, should I block or unfollow that person?

If you're not trying to hurt this person's feelings and the conversation about ending your friendship went relatively well, then you probably don't need to immediately block or unfollow them. "If this ending is more neutral and a mutual phasing out, continuing to follow them might not pose a problem," Dr. Peck explains.

But if it helps to get over negative feelings towards them, tap the "block" button. If you choose to keep following them but realize months or years later that it doesn't make sense to maintain an online connection, click "unfollow" then. All in all, do what feels best.

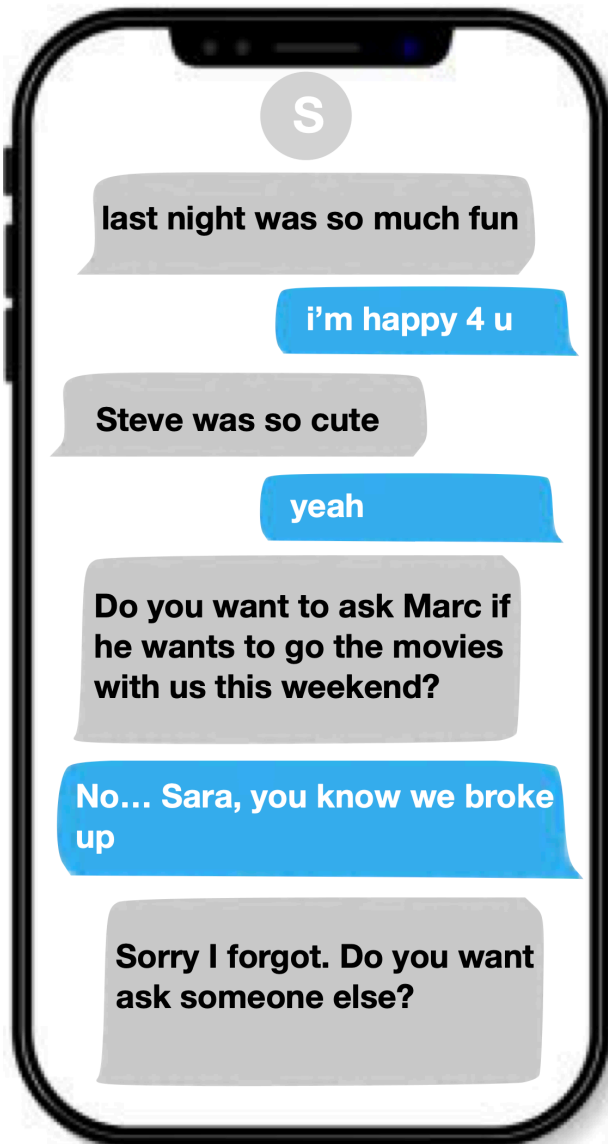
However, if this was a toxic friendship, it might be best to remove this person from your social feeds as soon as possible. "You may want to protect your own mental health by creating a clean break," Dr. Peck says.

How should I handle a friendship breakup if we have shared friends?

If you and this person are part of a larger group of friends, expect the dynamic to shift — at least temporarily. “You will likely need to think about your needs and draw some boundaries,” Dr. Peck says. “Can you be around when this ex-friend is present? If not, then decide to remove yourself should this happen.” You might have to skip certain events or parties for a bit, but if that means protecting your mental health, it’s worth it. With time, you might find that you and this person can mingle in the same space without making things awkward or tense.

You don’t want to make mutual friends feel uncomfortable or pressured to pick sides. Respect the connections that this person has with their other friends. “It’s really hard to realize that people can have very different experiences with the same people, but this is a mature perspective to hold,” Dr. Peck adds.

Source C – Text Messages
From Sarah to Carly



Source D – Instagram



Liked by ScubaSteve and 235 others

SaraBeara A night with the new boo

ScubbaSteve best.night.ever.

Source E – Class picture (3rd grade)
Mr. Harrison's class



This is a copy of Carly's 3rd grade class photo. On the back Sara wrote, "Best friends 4eva!"

Source F -- Song lyrics
“I’m Sorry” – Feist
Carly has been listening to this song on repeat

“So Sorry”

[Verse 1]

I'm sorry
Two words I always think
After you're gone
When I realize, I was acting all wrong

So selfish
Two words that could describe
Oh, actions of mine
When patience is in short supply

[Chorus]

We don't need to say goodbye
We don't need to fight and cry
Oh, we, we could
Hold each other tight, tonight

[Verse 2]

We're so helpless
We're slaves to our impulses
We're afraid of our emotions
And no one knows where the shore is
We're divided by the oceans
And the only thing I know is
That the answer isn't for us
No, the answer isn't for us

Source G
The following are two entries from Carly's diary

Hey Diary,

Thursday

OMG, I am totally stoked about my party this weekend! I managed to twist my parents' arms into letting me throw it. Sara's swamped, but guess what? Danielle's stepping in to help me this Saturday afternoon. She's a lifesaver!

Ugh, after splitting with Marc last year, I've been feeling kinda meh about other guys until I met Steven. He's seriously cute. And, like, shh, I haven't told anyone, but the real reason I'm throwing this party is so I can hang out with him.

Cross your fingers for me, diary!

TTYL,

- C ♥

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Hey Diary,

Monday

Can you even believe it? Sara bailed on helping me set up for my party 'cause she was chilling with STEVE! I'm so mad at her. Like, doesn't she get how stressed I've been talking to other guys? And hello, she's fully aware I'm all about Steve – I go on and on about him. Why didn't she spill about Steve?

We've been tight since forever, like third-grade tight. But I can't even wrap my head around what she did, especially after everything that went down last year. It's like, we're so over.

I'll keep you updated.

Later,

- C