

Relationship Ruler

The closeness of a relationship dictates what we say, how we say it, and how we act. We use the Relationship Ruler to learn about the different categories of relationships and the rules for sharing information and personal space at each level.

Family



The people we usually live with and share personal stories and feelings with.

Close Friend



The friends that know us best. We talk and hang out often.

Friend



People we talk to a couple of times a week. We know basic information about them and feel comfortable around them.

Aquaintance



People we know a little. We know their name and say hello in the hallway.

Stranger



People we've never met before. We don't share personal information or talk to them unless introduced by a friend.