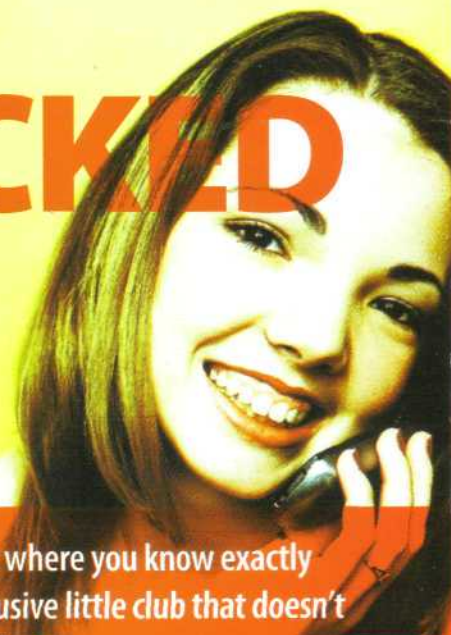


# YOUR FRIENDS: CLICKED OR *Obligated?*

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Are you and your friends completely on the same wavelength – to the point where you know exactly what they're thinking? Could it be you're too in the zone, locked into an exclusive little club that doesn't notice anyone else? Maybe you're somewhere in between. Take this quiz to find out.



**1** A new student just started at your school. She seems pretty cool but is kinda quiet. At lunchtime, she's sitting by herself, so you...

- A) hang with your posse at the usual spot. What new girl? Totally did not even see her there.
- B) ask her to join you and your pals. Sitting all alone must be the worst feeling!
- C) make a point to say hello later in the day, just not at lunch.

**2** Your group of friends is known as the...

- A) gang. We don't have a label and we prefer to keep it that way.
- B) jocks/brains/artists/burnouts.
- C) what group? I have one really close friend and lots of acquaintances.

**3** When was the last time you hung out with people who weren't on your IM buddy list?

- A) six months.
- B) yesterday.
- C) I can't remember... that was too long ago!

**4** When you meet someone for the first time, you immediately...

- A) try to remember their name and something unique about them.
- B) figure out if they're a prep, punk or poser.
- C) become their friend before they get sucked into one of the cliques, never to see them again.

**5** Next Thursday is 2-for-1 admission at the movie theatre, so you...

- A) e-mail all of the girls in your group to confirm a place and time. BFF!
- B) ask a couple of girls on your bus to join you and a pal. They watch *The O.C.* too, so you'll have lots to talk about!
- C) stay home and chill. You'd rather get homework done, then pop in a favourite DVD.

**6** A popular girl asks you to go shopping. Your first reaction is...

- A) "Yeah! I am so there!"
- B) "Sorry, but my friends would freak if they heard I was hanging out with you."
- C) "Thanks, I'd love to... but I already have plans. Raincheck?"

**7** Cliques are...

- A) totally necessary. After all, you need to categorize people somehow.
- B) bad. Everyone gets labeled and can't break the barriers to get in or out.
- C) unavoidable, yet invisible. I try to be friends with everyone.

## SCORING

1. a) 1, b) 3, c) 2
2. a) 2, b) 1, c) 3
3. a) 2, b) 3, c) 1
4. a) 3, b) 1, c) 2
5. a) 1, b) 3, c) 2
6. a) 2, b) 1, c) 3
7. a) 1, b) 2, c) 3



### 7-11 POINTS:

#### CLIQUE TO THE MAX

You're in sync with your tight-knit group, enjoy their company and have similar tastes in music, clothes and guys. Only thing is, if you and your galpals are too tight, you may be missing out on getting to know some really cool people. We're not asking you to ditch your friends, just keep an open mind, 'k?

### 12-16 POINTS: CLICKIN' ALONG ONE DAY AT A TIME

Occasionally, you feel like you're on the outside looking in. Who doesn't? While you recognize the need to fit in, you're not consumed by it. With friends, it's quality, not quantity that matters, and you already realize that it's all good to focus on the ones you can always count on.

### 17-21 POINTS: CLICKED IN WITH WHO YOU ARE

Sounds like you enjoy hanging with plenty of cool kids. Whether they're into studying, soccer or Simple Plan, you really don't care because you like them for who they are. Since you're not caught up in a clique, you're not wrapped up in stereotypes either. You see people for who they are, not as labels.