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Why your 'weak-tie' friendships may mean more than you think

VOCABULARY IN THE ARTICLE

I Read sentences 1 – 5. Focus on the expressions in bold and choose their closest synonyms from the options provided:

- Weak-tie interactions happen when we are **out and about**, particularly when we're taking part in an activity of some kind, like singing or cycling.
 - spending a lot of time outdoors*
 - hanging out with our friends*
 - active, doing the things you usually do*
- We exchange brief chats, smiles and **the odd joke**.
 - a funny joke*
 - a bizarre joke*
 - an occasional joke*
- We can learn a lot from talking to people we **barely** know.
 - hardly*
 - not at all*
 - a little bit*
- Most clubs and communal groups may not be able to **resume** for a while.
 - to sum up*
 - to restart*
 - to write a CV*
- Jobs wanted colleagues to bump into each other, grab coffee and **shoot the breeze**.
 - do sports outdoors*
 - eat al fresco*
 - spend time talking about unimportant things*

II Use the phrasal verbs from the table to complete the sentences below.

figure out	reach out	end up
bump into	point out	miss out

- They credited my account with \$20 after I _____*ed*_____ the error.
- She'll _____ penniless if she continues to spend like that.
- It takes most people some time to _____ new software.
- Don't _____ on the fantastic bargains in our summer sale.
- She set up her charity to _____ to the thousands of homeless on the streets.
- I _____*ed*_____ an old classmate when I was in town last week.

III Write an anecdote about how weak ties have helped you in your career or life in general.