

## 1.

Too many people want others to be their friends, but they don't give friendship back. That is why some friendships don't last very long. To have a friend, you must learn to treat your friend the way you want your friend to treat you. Learning to be a good friend means learning three rules: be honest, be generous(宽宏大量的), be understanding.

Honesty is where a good friendship starts. Friends must be able to trust one another. If you don't tell the truth, people usually find out. If a friend finds out that you haven't been honest, you may lose your friend's trust. Good friends always count on one another to speak and act honestly.

Generosity means sharing and sharing makes a friendship grow. You don't have to give your lunch money or your clothes, of course. Instead you have to learn how to share things you enjoy, like your hobbies and your interests. Naturally you will want to share your ideas and feelings. These can be very valuable to a friend. They tell your friend what is important to you. By sharing them you help your friend know you better.

Sooner or later everyone needs understanding and help with a problem. Something may go wrong at school. Talking about the problem can make it easier to solve.

Turning to a friend can be a first step in solving the problem. So to be a friend you must listen and understand. You must try to put yourself in your friend's place so you can understand the problem better.

No two friendships are ever exactly alike(相同的). But all true friendships have three things in common. If you plan to keep your friendships, you must practice honesty, generosity and understanding.

【1】Some friendships don't last very long because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. there are too many people who want to make friends
- B. they know friendship is something serious
- C. those who give others friendships receive friendships from others
- D. those who never give others friendships receive no friendships from others

【2】According to the author, how do you help your friend know you better?

- A. Ask your friend for everything.
- B. Don't tell the truth to your friend.
- C. Share your ideas and feelings with your friend.
- D. Give your lunch money or your clothes to your friend.

【3】The best title of this passage is "\_\_\_\_\_".

- A. Honesty is the best habit
- B. How to be a friend
- C. A friend in need is a friend indeed
- D. Three important points in life

## 2.

It's a too long story — 17 months to be exact — with an ending that's short and sweet. Ruthie has, finally and happily, been reunited with her family.

The story goes back to October, 2005. Ruthie, 8 months old, was sitting on the back seat of the family car when her owner walked hurriedly into a Long Island store.

When Nancy Noel returned a few minutes later, Ruthie was nowhere in sight.

Nancy Noel and her husband, Lincoln Werden, got in touch with Nassau County police, put up flyers (小传单) around their Manhasset neighborhood. But no sightings of Ruthie were reported. Until last week, that is, someone sent Ruthie to a Manhattan shelter (收容所) after finding her walking slowly around the Bronx — 25 miles from where she was taken on that fateful October day.

And then, shelter workers searched Ruthie for a possible microchip (微芯片) — she had one fixed under her skin. It showed her family's name and address. Ruthie was immediately reunited with Nancy Noel and her daughter, Sara Werden.

"We never thought we would see her again," said Sara Werden. "We were just amazed."

She's no longer the tiny pup they last saw. In fact, Ruthie gained (增加) 10 pounds during her months away from home. She's on a diet now, and has already lost one and a half pounds. Ruthie also has a new friend to play with. The family had got another dog, named Holly, after losing the hope of ever finding their beloved Ruthie.

【1】According to the passage, when did Ruthie get together with her family?

- A. In October 2005. B. In March 2006.
- C. In February 2007. D. In March 2007.

【2】According to the passage, Ruthie should be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. one of Holly's sisters
- B. a pet dog that Nancy Noel raised
- C. one of Nancy Noel's daughters
- D. a police working for Nancy Noel

【3】Which of the following can be inferred according to the passage?

- A. Ruthie had enough food during the days when she was lost.
- B. Ruthie was stolen by a thief.
- C. Nancy Noel lost the hope of finding Ruthie.
- D. Ruthie had to put on weight after she was found again.

## 3.

Change is a natural part of language development. The words you like to use are probably a little different from those that your grandparents used when they were young. A study carried out by a British company found that the use of e-mail has had a bad influence on the standard of written English.

According to the research, computer users today are too busy to hit the "shift" buttons on their keyboards — e-mails are often written in lower case, that is to say, with no capital letters (大写字母) for names or the beginning of sentences. Spelling mistakes are generally accepted even in formal e-mails. And nouns are often used as verbs (e.g. Please bookmark this site).

With the development of the Internet, e-mail and mobile phone messages, a new language has developed within just a few years — we call it Weblish. The latest Oxford English Dictionary has included many new words showing the changes in our communication culture.

While some language experts are concerned about the future of English and want to do something, John Simpson, chief editor of the dictionary says, "The standards may be different now but it has certainly encouraged writing and communication, which means a faster development of language change. There are a large number of words that either come from the Internet or have been given new meanings by the Internet."

【1】According to the research, people often write e-mails in lower case to \_\_\_\_\_.