

Obama and Cameron

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英语学习点: **Friendship Vocabulary** 有关友谊的词汇

On Tuesday two men enjoyed a game of table tennis against some kids at a school in London.

They seemed like **best mates**. Every time one of them got a point, they did **a high five**.

The men were the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, and the President of the USA, Barack Obama.



David Cameron and Barack Obama are keen to show they have plenty in common.

The **palling around** took place during Mr Obama's state visit to the UK.

There have been many examples of close working relationships between the leaders of the UK and the USA. Harold Macmillan and JFK, Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, Tony Blair and George Bush were all examples of Brits and Americans **standing shoulder to shoulder**.

The closeness between Britain and America in the past has been described as "the special relationship". But there has been speculation that, for Mr Obama at least, the special relationship is... not that special.

Now both men are keen to show that on matters of policy they have plenty **in common**. In a shared opinion piece in the Times newspaper, they write of "**coming of age**" at the same time, and **seeing "eye to eye"**.

As for the special relationship, they call it "an essential relationship". Nick Robinson, the BBC's Political Editor, says that the two men are not pretending to be **bosom buddies** but want to be seen as close **allies**. He writes:

"'The essential relationship' may lack emotion, warmth and **nostalgia** but it, like the president, is meant to be contemporary, practical and sincere."

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Is this statement true, false or not given? *David Cameron and Barack Obama have very different backgrounds.*
2. Is this statement true, false or not given? *The relationship between Obama and Cameron has been described as "The special relationship".*
3. Who wrote the article in the Times newspaper?
4. Which phrase does Nick Robinson think is warmer – 'the special relationship' or 'the essential relationship'?
5. Look at the article. Can you find three phrases describing friendship that refer to body parts?

Exercise 练习

测试一下关于友谊的词汇。选择方框内正确的表达完成句子。

1. We used to be so close. At school we were _____.

shoulder to shoulder eye to eye bosom buddies a special relationship

2. Nice shot! _____!

High five High ten High fifty High and mighty

3. The reason we get on so well is that we have so much _____ common.

with in on into

4. The two countries are longstanding _____.

mates buddies pals
allies

5. Every time I look at that picture, I am filled with _____.

warmth nostalgia sincerity practicality

Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Is this statement true, false or not given? *David Cameron and Barack Obama have very different backgrounds.* Not given - the article doesn't mention their backgrounds.
2. Is this statement true, false or not given? *The relationship between Obama and Cameron has been described as "The special relationship".* False - 'The special relationship' refers to the relationship between Britain and the USA.
3. Who wrote the article in the Times newspaper? Both men wrote this article - it was a shared opinion piece.
4. Which phrase does Nick Robinson think is warmer - 'the special relationship' or 'the essential relationship'? The special relationship.
5. Look at the article. Can you find three phrases describing friendship that refer to body parts? To stand shoulder to shoulder, to see eye to eye, bosom buddies.

Exercise 练习

1. We used to be so close. At school we were bosom buddies.
2. Nice shot! High five!
3. The reason we get on so well is that we have so much in common.
4. The two countries are longstanding allies.
5. Every time I look at that picture, I am filled with nostalgia.

Glossary 词汇表

best mates 最好的朋友	a high five 击掌相庆
palling around 结伴玩耍	standing shoulder to shoulder 肩并肩、共患难
in common 有共同之处	coming of age 进入成年
to see eye to eye 看法相同	bosom buddies 密友
allies 盟友	nostalgia 怀旧

