

Advice Columnist.. Dear Mavis

You are interning with " Ask Mavis" who is an advice columnist. To gain problem solving experience, she has asked you to respond to the following friendship dilemmas.

Dear Mavis,

#1: My friend is only my friend until someone or something better comes along and then I get dropped like a "hot potato". I feel like a friend of convenience. What should I do?

Solution/Response:

Dear Mavis,

#2: My friend is a leech and always seems to be in need of my time and attention. This wouldn't be such a problem except it's all.of.the.time and I NEVER get to spend time by myself or with other people. It's so emotionally draining! What should I do?

Solution/Response:

Dear Mavis,

#3: My friend is never satisfied and finds fault with everything by whining, grumbling and complaining. It's always negative and never positive. Not only does this friend rant about their own life, but feels the need to criticize my clothes and my friends. I secretly think she's jealous of me. What should I do?

Solution/Response:



Dear Mavis,

#4: My friend's life seems like one long soap opera filled with disappointments, let-downs, heartbreaks and sadness. Because of all the drama, I feel like my problems, while not as dramatic as theirs, are put on the back burner, ignored as unimportant or dismissed entirely. I'm tired of feeling invisible! What should I do?

Solution/Response:

Dear Mavis,

#5: My friend is mean and controlling, making pointed "digs and jabs" at me. Afterwards, it's passed off as "just kidding". Each time this happens, my friend gets pumped up, while I get put-down. Tired of being a laughing stock in front of others! What should I do?

Solution/Response:

Dear Mavis,

#6: My friend shares secrets, gossips and spreads rumors about others who are supposedly friends. Should I potentially assume that if my friend is doing this to others that they are talking about me to others, behind my back? What should I do?

Solution/Response:



Dear Mavis,

#7: My friend gets a thrill out of doing adventurous, dangerous and risky things. At first I thought it was exciting, but now the constant pressure and badgering is getting old. Some of the things suggested go against my values, my parent's rules and some break the law. I have my reputation and future to think about. What should I do?

Solution/Response:

