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Contrast (Subject-by-Subject): Best Friends

People come into your life in different ways. They can be acquaintances, friends, or even best friends. In this case, I have five best friends, or so I thought. For the sake of this paper, I'll focus on just two of them. The difference between the two is very easy to point out: one is named Jenny, and she is really mature and acts her age. The one named Misha is immature and childish. Jenny is my overall best friend; she is artsy and so smart. She has this sense of humor that definitely matches me and just makes life so much more tolerable. We are basically sisters from different families. As for Misha, she is very straight forward and blunt. She has this rude demeanor that she puts off into the universe. **At this point, Jenny is the one I talk to about everything, and she's there every time I need her, unlike Misha.**

First, let's talk about Jenny. To be friends with me a person has to be **honest**. Between Misha and Jenny it's a no brainer: Jenny has and always will be honest with me. She always tells me when I'm messing up and doing something completely wrong with my life. She knows exactly how to word it to not make me feel bad. Jenny always seems to put my feelings first. That really shows how much she loves me and cherishes me as a friend. For example, back in 2013 I wasn't making the best decisions in life. I ended up taking her to a bar, and we both left with this man we didn't know who was having a party. I was driving and I drank at his house, so I couldn't drive home. She was so mad at me that she told me I was really destroying my life and I needed to straighten up. After that day, I didn't do anything that stupid again. I was so grateful

that she was honest with me and that she put my feelings into play. Having a **loyal** friend is also well worth my time. Jenny is definitely a loyal friend. I never have to worry about her taking sides or choosing someone else over me. For example, there was a fight between Misha and me where Misha was talking bad about me, really hurting my feelings. Jenny just stopped talking to her. Jenny chose to tell me she was pregnant before Misha, showing me that not only could I trust her, but she was being loyal to me because I have only ever been honest with her and I chose not to hide things from her. Finally, how do we deal with **jealousy** in a friendship? For me, I back away if I'm getting jealous; then I have to reevaluate myself. In almost every friendship, there is some type of jealousy. When it comes to Jenny, I have only known of one time that she has gotten jealous. I had become really close with our mutual friend Misha, and we were hanging out all the time up until I realized her true self. I know Jenny was jealous of all the time we were spending together, because she doesn't live in town.

Next, let's talk about Misha. In regards to **honesty**, what can I say? Misha is extremely blunt but in the most hurtful way. She tends to put her needs and wants before everyone else. It seems to me that she likes to keep secrets from me, asking others to do the same. I definitely don't see her as honest unless it's to her benefit. Just recently, she and I were in a huge fight because she was trying to get my boyfriend to keep secrets from me. Misha tried to barter with me and tell me that if I kept secrets from my overall best friend Jenny, then we could continue to be friends. To me that doesn't make her a very honest friend. Also, in contrast to Jenny, Misha is not a very **loyal** friend. She talks bad about people behind their back. For example, Misha constantly would tell people that I am a spoiled brat, that I don't spend enough time with my daughter and would constantly tell lies about me to friends and my boyfriend. She isn't a very loyal friend. I recently found out that she was telling all the secrets I told her in confidence to

anyone who would listen. This means I can no longer consider her to be a loyal friend. Finally, I don't even know where to start with Misha and jealousy. She has really made it known that she is jealous of my friendship with Jenny and that Jenny chooses me over her. For one I am more mature than Misha and two I'm always honest with Jenny and she's not, which is her choice. That doesn't mean she should take her jealousy out on me by starting drama and rumors. Misha kept telling people that I was jealous of her for so many reasons. She said I was jealous because my boyfriend would only talk to her about important things. For one, we all used to be best friends, so at first he would only talk to her. Now he is slightly opening up to me. The only issue I'm having is that Misha can't keep her mouth shut and likes to "talk smack" about me and tell my boyfriend that I'm jealous of her when really I'm just angry that he still wants to be friends with her even though she treats me so terribly.

In conclusion, Misha and Jenny are very different people. Jenny is the type of friend you never want to let go of. She is the kind of best friend that everyone wants. Jenny is my other half. She has every characteristic that makes an amazing best friend. Misha: well, she can be someone's best friend, just not mine. She chose to be rude, disrespectful, and childish, which definitely makes it hard for me to want to be friends with her. Honesty and loyalty are some of the characteristics that are very important in any kind of relationship. Jealousy: it's part of life and any type of relationship. To me it is how you handle it when it does come into play. When it comes down to it, if people can't be honest and loyal and they don't know how to deal with jealousy the right way, then why on Earth would you want them in your life? My best friend Jenny is an overall amazing person. At the end of the day that's all you can ask for.