

Advanced Level

A Stick in the Mud

WARM-UPS

1. Can you remember the first time you went to school? Or the first day of work on your first job?
2. What about your schoolmates or your officemates, can you describe how you felt about them? Were you shy?
3. Did someone befriend you? Is he/she still your friend until today?
4. If you see someone new in your school/office what do you do? Do you talk to him/her? Or do you wait for him/her to talk to you first?
5. What's the best approach you know to become a friend to someone who's new in school or in the office?

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A: I just hope it doesn't turn out to be a stick in the mud. I think we've got some pretty good office camaraderie going on here. I like getting out of bed and coming to work. And I don't want anything to spoil that.

B: Well, perhaps you should take the initiative and bring the new guy into the fold. He just need a little bit of friendliness extended to him. What's his name, anyway?

A: I'm not sure, actually.

B: Well, there you have it! Why don't you talk to him and invite him out to the Friday evening get together at the pub? That way, we'll be sure to get a read on what he's about and he'll feel more comfortable.

A: Good idea. I'll do that right away.

VOCABULARY

Choose the correct meaning from the choices below:

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| 1. stiff(adj.) | a bar |
| 2. formal(adj.) | a group of people |
| 3. block(n) | tight / rigid |
| 4. spoil(v) | courtly |
| 5. initiative(n) | destroy |
| 6. fold(n) | a section of a city / town |
| 7. extended(v) | drive / push |
| 8. pub | given |

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	attitude between people
To spoil something	to ruin something
Bring someone into the fold	to introduce someone to other people
Take the initiative	do it yourself; be the first one to do
To get a read on something	to start understanding something