

# BEST FRIENDS FOR A DAY

## BARTEK & JAMIE



### Arbetsblad

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## Vocabulary

Make sure that you know the words in the list. Try to use the words in a sentence.

outgoing – utåtriktad

electric kettle – vattenkokare

accent – uttal, brytning

accepted – accepterad

good approach – bra strategi, bra metod

inspiration – inspiration

heartwarming – hjärtevärmande

gender studies – genusvetenskap, genusstudier

legal – laglig

heavily influenced – starkt påverkad

breadwinner – familjeförsörjare

theme park – nöjespark

spinning – spinning, snurra

similarities – likheter

## Facts before watching

Gaelic football is an Irish team sport. The two teams have 15 players each and you use your feet and one hand to play. The pitch is larger (140x90 metres) than conventional football (105x68 metres) and the GF ball is smaller but also heavier.

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The Catholic Church has traditionally considered homosexuality to be a sin, and has actively worked against the LGBT community in many parts of the world. Naturally, there have been protests and debates about this point of view even among the clergy. In Ireland, Mary McAleese, the former Irish president, claimed in 2020 that the Catholic Church helps homophobia and even said that its ideas surrounding homosexuality is evil.

## Who said what?

	Bartek	Jamie	Girl in shop	Teacher
1. Super excited to be here.				
2. I'm trying to make some sort of tea for you.				
3. Uhm, so I know, like...I know it's home of IKEA and like Vikings come from there.				
4. Team is about acceptance, being as one. You know, <i>we</i> , not I...				
5. It was actually really nice, really heart-warming thing to hear from someone.				
6. Today I'm all yours, okay. So you can do whatever you want.				
7. There is no right or wrong way to fashion. That looks unreal.				
8. There are no girls here, you know... it's like... kinda weird.				
9. I was so impressed by Bartek.				
10. We're stuck upside-down.				
11. It's definitely something that, yeah, something that I will hold forever.				

## Summarize

Work in pairs. Retell each other what happened in the episode. Summarize the episode in a few key phrases. Use the vocabulary if you want to.

## Discussion points

- A. What do you know about Ireland? Talk in groups and try to collect all your facts. Do you know a lot or not a lot? Why is that do you think?
- B. Has anyone in your class been to Ireland? What was it like? Is Ireland a popular country to go on holiday to? Why/why not? Would you like to visit Ireland?
- C. Faith and religion are supposed to be a source for comfort and advice. Do you think it's right that different religions should tell people what is okay or not okay to be like? For instance, the Catholic Church is opposing homosexuality. Is that something they should do or not? In what ways can religion make life easier or harder for people?
- D. Do you think it's easier or harder to be homosexual in Sweden? Why? Why not?

## Written assignment

Choose *one* of these assignments after you have watched the episode.

- **Write a letter** to either Bartek or Jamie, telling him what you thought of the episode. Is there anything you think he would need to know? Can you offer some advice, or do you have a question for him?
- **Write a diary entry** pretending to be either Bartek or Jamie. What did you think of your new best friend and why? How was the day? What was good, what was bad? Was there anything you did that you wish you hadn't? Do you think you will keep in touch?
- **Write a diary entry** about a day in the future when Jamie is visiting Bartok in Sweden. What are they doing? Will they face any challenges? What?
- **Write an article** for the local newspaper about the Swede who came to Dublin and describe what was going on and how other people reacted to Bartek.

## Language points

### A. Communication

Did you notice that Bartek didn't always know how to express himself in English? How did he solve the problems? Think about it, discuss it, and give examples of strategies that were being used when his language skills didn't quite take him all the way.

### B. Improve the phrases

How could Bartek have said this in a better way? What's wrong? Explain and write a suggestion of how to express this a bit better.

- Excuse me, Madam, can I talk to you for a while?
- Take care of you! (When saying goodbye to some men helping him find the way)
- How were they about that you are gay?
- It ain't doing good for our mental health.
- You're gonna live with me.

### C. Explain the expressions

Explain these expressions in your own words!

- the home of IKEA
- Team is about acceptance, being as one
- heart-warming
- I'm all yours
- no right or wrong way to fashion
- stuck upside-down

## KEY

### *Who said what?*

1. Bartek, 2. Jamie, 3. Jamie, 4. Bartek, 5. Jamie, 6. Bartek, 7. Girl in shop, 8. Bartek, 9. Teacher, 10. Jamie, 11. Jamie

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