**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**The competition between friends always has negative effect.**

No one can cast a shadow of doubt on the fact that competition affects many relationships and it definitely has its own pros and cons. It undoubtedly sometimes can worsen some weak friendships and even devastate many good friendships. Some people might argue that competition always affects friendships negatively and there is no exception for that. But personally I believe that this statement can not be true at all, because a positive competition can benefit both sides of a friendship. In what follows I will explain my own reasons about this opinion.

The first remarkable reason that comes to my mind is that, it totally depends on people’s personality and their special characteristics and maybe some other factors like how strong their friendship is. For instance a sister of mine has a very special and sensitive personality and she easily takes offence of people. She does hate those who try to compete with her, better to say that, she does not count on them as a friend, if she finds one of her friends in competition with her, she cuts her off as soon as possible, However my sister and I both grew up in the same family, I am the opposite. Most of my closest friends during the period of my school years, have been my opponents, and the competition between my friend and I, sometime came in handy and benefited both of us. In this way we could learn how to socialize with different people and learn from them.

Furthermore, the presence of competition in friendships teaches us to improve our skills and be the best version of ourselves. The more we compete, the more we get better and better. We can also make up for our weak points, if there is a positive competition, and friends can help each other in many fields. It can cause them to boost their innovation or intelligence and use their capabilities in the most efficient way. This can also elevate their self esteem and self confidence, so they will be more successful and happy during their entire personal life.

To conclude, I assert that, competition can influence friendships either negatively or positively, it absolutely depends on the way it is done and some other important factors, like different characteristics. If the there is a fair competition, it would benefit people in many ways. On the other hand, if the competition is unfair and negative, it can deteriorate friendships and would be harmful for people. That is why I believe that there is good and bad competition.

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