

Best Friends

A Role-Playing Game About Girlfriends And All Their Petty Hatreds



 **Box
Ninja**

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Being 'Best Friends'

So, what's this book all about?

Well, it's a **role-playing game** about being a girl.

Yeah, everyone plays a girl. If you're not down with that then, y'know, just put *Best Friends* back wherever you found it and walk away. No hard feelings, eh?

So, still here? Great!

OK, it's a game about being *Best Friends* and all the little hatreds that *Best Friends* have for each other.

Oh, I know. You're gonna say that y'all get along just peachy. Well, that's fine too. No one said any of this was true...

But, between you and me: it really is.

Anyway, you and some friends all play girlfriends and try to do stuff together, while secretly hating each other. And getting little frissons of excitement out of getting one up on your *Best Friends*. And it's going to be fun.

Scenario Ideas



Here are some situations for games of *Best Friends*. Ideally you should be able to come up with something collaborative between the members of your group that strikes a chord for you—the most creative people in gaming are those playing the games, not the folks writing books. But, for inspiration perhaps, I present these ideas.

At The Mall

You could spend all day at the mall, from open till close, just shopping and getting coffee, and all the other crazy stuff that happens there. Like getting mistakenly arrested for shoplifting, harassed by builders on their lunch break, stuck in the elevator, or getting locked in. Things like that.

The Prom

It's only the biggest night of your life. And your *Best Friends* couldn't possibly ruin it for you, could they? Try and get the best date and not have it turn into a disaster. Really, is that so hard? With *Best Friends* like these...

Crashed Car

You're all on your way back from out of town and the car just plain sails off the road. Stranded in the middle of nowhere, what will you do (to each other) to get home?

Secret Stuff Stolen

There's nothing worse than getting your *Stuff* stolen. But what if you really, really need get it back? Your friends will help you for sure. Won't they? Well, they'll have to when they hear that the slumber party video is one of the things that has been stolen. No one must see that tape...

House Party

There's a house party on, it's the buzz of your social circle. Everyone who's anyone will be there. Who's coolest, who's prettiest, who's toughest? Well, you'll find out at the party. And just hope that it doesn't all end in tears...



Detailing 'Smart'

All the things that are covered by Smart are things that rely on your **quick wits, reason and education.**

Things like the following.

- 📖 Looking up books
- 📖 Thinking about Nonsense
- 📖 Looking clever
- 📖 Saying clever things
- 📖 Understanding instructions
- 📖 Speaking languages
- 📖 Not getting lost
- 📖 Arguing and debating
- 📖 Thinking on your feet
- 📖 Spotting clues
- 📖 Understanding technology
- 📖 Planning ahead
- 📖 Working gadgets and computers



*“Anyone
know what
this is? Class?
Anyone?
Anyone?
Anyone seen
this before?”*



Level 0

There's no nice way of saying this. I'll type it real slow so you can understand what I'm saying, OK?

YOU ... ARE ... AS ... STUPID ... AS ... A ... BOX ... OF ... ROCKS ... — ... A ... REALLY ... BIG ... BOX.

You missed the day at school where they handed out the brains. Either that, or they put a softball in there instead.

Level 1

You get decent grades and you're even good at some subjects, but let's be honest, you're not a rocket scientist.

You can figure stuff out with some time and a bit of help, so maybe you're not a complete embarrassment to your parents and friends. Not one of life's great thinkers.

Level 2

A real smartie pants. You're computer literate and up on all the latest science news and theories.

Always quick with an answer you can do sums in your head and speak a few languages, including Latin.

People always ask you things and you mostly know the answers. You could be a mathlete for sure.

And who *doesn't* know *why* the sky is blue? Bwa-ha-ha.

Level 3 and over

Genius. No messing about. You're too clever for your own good sometimes, but with your vast intellect and PhD it's all probably part of a gargantuan master plan.

There isn't much you don't know or can't figure out for yourself. The downside might be finding stimulating conversation, or anyone that understands your arguments.

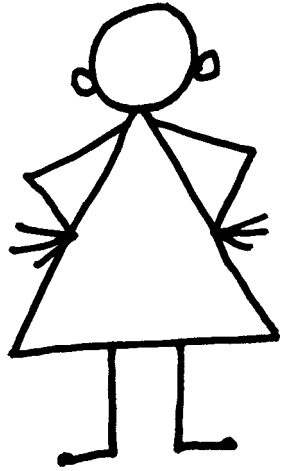
Best Friends

I am...

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And I...

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Pretty

Cool

Smart

Tough

Rich



☹️ I hate because she is **prettier** than me.

☹️ I hate because she is **cooler** than me.

☹️ I hate because she is **smarter** than me.

☹️ I hate because she is **tougher** than me.

☹️ I hate because she is **richer** than me.

Stuff

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Nonsense