Prompt:
Write three similar paragraphs, one in first person, one in second, and one in third: First, write a paragraph in first person (I, me) about how you are a good friend. Next, write a paragraph explaining to a classmate what it takes to be a friend. This paragraph will be in second person using the words you and your. Finally, write a paragraph in third person (she, he, they, them) that tells how to be a good friend.

Example, First Person:
I am a Good Friend
I consider myself a great friend for many reasons. I am a good listener and that is one of the most important ways to be a good friend. When my friends have problems at school or home I am there to listen. Some of my friends love telling stories and I listen attentively. Also, I am good at sharing. My friends are welcome to use my video games and skateboard. Finally, I try to help my friends out whenever I can. If they want advice, I give it to them. I help them understand homework and sometimes I even help clean their rooms so we can play. All these traits make me a good friend and I know my friends would agree.

Example, Second Person:
You Can Be a Good Friend
If you want to be a great friend, you need to be a good listener. You need to share and you need to be helpful. To be a good listener, take time to hear your friends when they share problems at school or home. Don’t talk or interrupt. Listen to their stories. This makes them feel important. Sharing is just as important. Friends will grow tired of you if you don’t share toys or if you won’t let them choose what to do. If your friend loves to ride your scooter then take turns riding it. Finally, be helpful. Give your friends advice when they ask for it. Help them clean up when you make a mess together. Remember LSH to be a good friend: Listen, Share, and be Helpful.

Example, Third Person:
How to be a Good Friend
Having good friends means being a good friend. People who are good friends are people who listen well. Good friends listen to each others’ problems and to what people have to say. People who are good friends are also good at sharing. They share games, secrets, and trips to the park. Finally, people who want to be called good friends are the ones who like being helpful. They may give advice when they are asked, or they help friends with homework or chores. All it really takes to have good friends is to be a good friend.