

Exercise 2

Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

Friendship is above reason, for though you find virtues in a friend, he was your friend before you found them. It is a gift that we offer because we must, to give it as the reward of virtue would be to set a price upon it and those who do it have no friendship to give. If you choose your friends on the ground that you are virtuous and want virtuous company, you are no nearer to true friendship than if you choose them for commercial reasons. Besides, who are you that you should be setting a price upon friendship? It is enough for any man that he has the divine power of making friends, and he must leave it to that power to determine who his friends shall be. For though you may choose the virtuous to be your friends, they may not choose you, indeed friendship cannot grow where there is any calculated choice. It comes like sleep, and you should be grateful, without any misgiving, when it comes."

—A. Clutton Brock
(170 words)

Title; Friendship does not need any reason

According to the author, Clutton Brock Friendship ~~is~~ does not ~~any~~ need any kind of reason. Whether it be virtuous or commercial logic. Because it is a priceless gift. One should not keep ~~any~~ degrees while choosing a friend, for friendship never promotes when choices are linked to it. Therefore one should be thankful when one has a friend.

Total words in passage
= 170

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precise = 55