

Friends as Messaging Apps



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Messaging apps are what you use to stay connected with friends, but ironically, your friends can also be labelled as one of those messaging apps. Read along and then pick a friend for each category.

THE MESSENGER

This type of friend is the most reliable one in the squad. When the other squad members may be skipping classes for various reasons only to suffer with assignments and homework later, this friend will save the day as they remain duly present in every class. This friend is always in touch with the latest gossip and will be sure to spread the news to your squad. Also, unlike your other friends, they give versatile reactions to whatever you say.

THE SNAPCHAT

This is that trendy friend with whom you love to share your fashion choices. Also, when you feel like spilling your secrets to somebody but at the same time you don't want that somebody to delve deeper into the recesses of those tales, this friend is the one to seek. As soon as you confide in what's been bothering you, they listen, give you the soulful support, and then just drops the matter entirely to give you space. Soothing, isn't it?

THE LINE

This friend of yours is the typical, quirky fangirl or fanboy. Both of you go insane over the same artists and brands and cry to the same movie scenes. Moreover, this friend is always well aware of the latest celebrity gossip and takes great enthusiasm in informing anyone who lives under a rock.

THE IMO

All friends are special in some way or the other. But there is that one friend in everybody's life whose face, itself, exudes a sense of immeasurable serenity. You just need to *see* that friend, messy and homely, while both of you go on about the depths of your lives. You always allow this friend to look into your vulnerable self whenever you go through an emotional turmoil.

THE WHATSAPP

Also known as the local friend. This friend keeps you in touch with all the people who inhabit your contact list. Moreover, this buddy is a simpleton and keeps things to themselves.

THE WECHAT

The speciality of this friend is that they are a living friend-radar. Suppose you two are eating out at a café, but this friend will suddenly beam and call somebody else to join in and the moment you crane your neck to see who that is, you will see another friend of yours. This scenario keeps repeating as this friend will always find a way to include more people as they can easily socialise.

THE TELEGRAM

This friend is the cool-headed, collected one. In the chaos of the group chats or public conversations, this pal of yours will be the one who can easily reply to a specific person. They are organised from the get-go and are an esoteric favourite.

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Honest Club Interview Answers

MATILDA

Q. How do you think joining this club will impact your academic and social life?

A. Well, my academics might honestly suffer because I don't spend enough time on my studies anyway. If I have to dedicate time to the club, I will actually have less time to study. However that might not be so bad for I will feel like I have a valid excuse for my poor performance in academics.

As for my social life, I really do hope it improves because the only time I get to talk to people who aren't relatives or partners in group projects are when I actually meet people outside class. So basically, never. I sincerely believe that being a part of this club will give me the chance to talk to many other people while I pretend to work.

Q. What activity, besides academics, has been the most important in terms of your personal growth?

A. I don't think I have had any kind of personal growth ever actually, but I can say with full confidence that social media has changed my life, probably for the worse.

Q. Convince us of something.

A. The only thing I can convince you of if you haven't already been convinced is that I will not be beneficial for this club in any way.

Q. What would you change about the club?

A. Definitely the recruitment process because a slacker like me should not have made it to the interview round at all.

Q. What is your greatest weakness?

A. Oh man, where do I even begin? I don't think I have one major weakness; I have plenty of little ones like getting distracted by anything that exists and complaining about tasks that

seem quite simple when I've given up on them and watch other people complete it.

Q. What does it mean to be a leader?

A. Honestly, I have no clue. I personally realise that I need to make sure I get what I want without putting in too much effort so I guess for me it means delegating all tasks to people so I have to do nothing.

Q. How do you efficiently resolve conflicts?

A. How funny. Why would you resolve conflicts when you can film it and enjoy? Imagine how many likes and shares you would get if you upload a real fight or argument on social media. Moreover, when else do you get the chance to witness people in conflict in real life? A life outside our cell phones is important too you know.

Q. Mark your skills and briefly explain your experience.

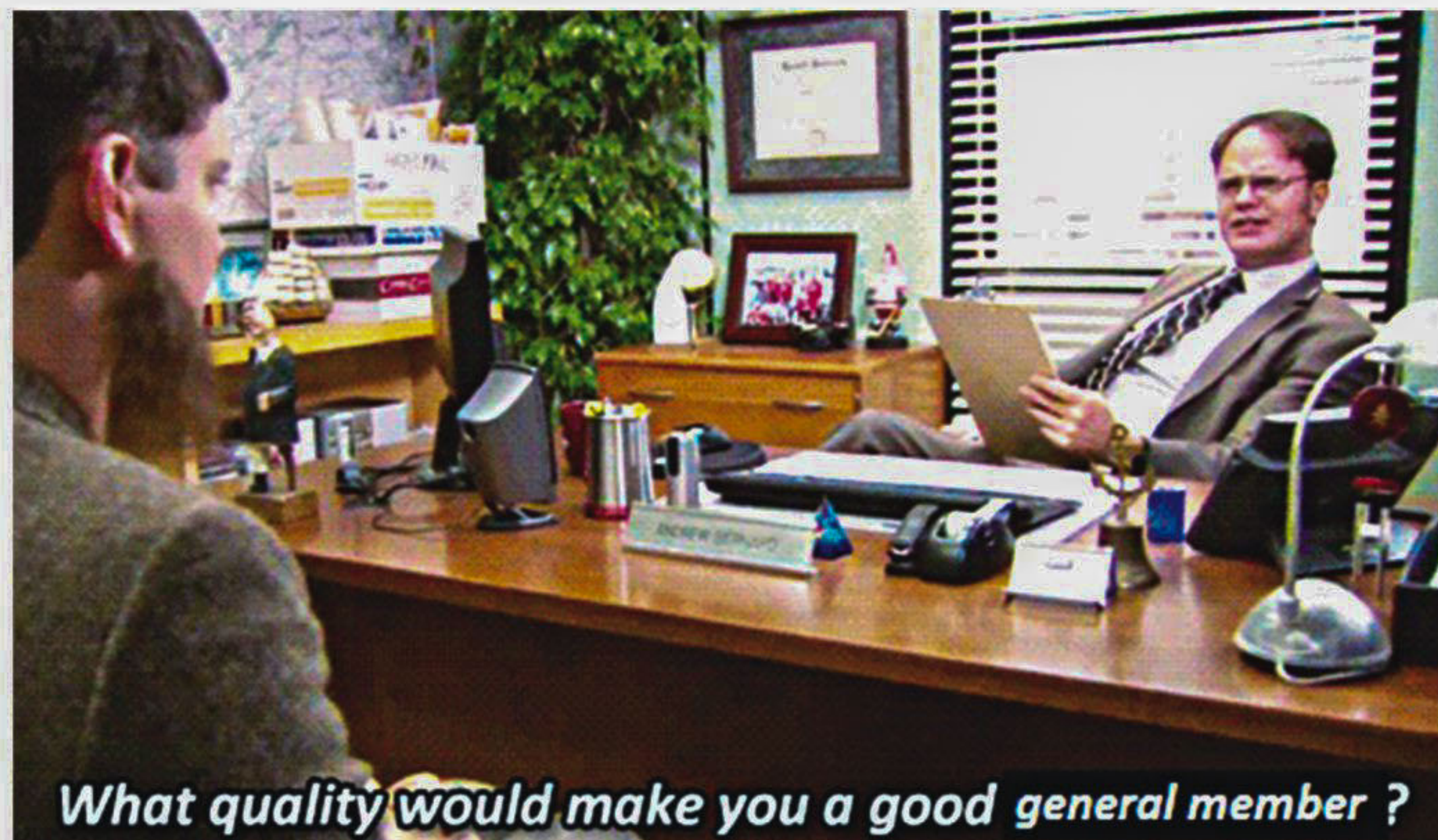
a. Graphics design — can paint houses using squares and triangles on MS Paint. Can also create trees with the line option and filled-in-circles.

b. Writing and research — searched countless people on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and whatever other app was used by the person I was stalking. Wrote thoroughly researched and well thought-out analyses and theories about the prey to find out whether the person is worth my or my friend's time, energy and effort.

c. Video editing — can use the Boomerang effect on Instagram.

d. Photography — have plenty of experience taking pictures. I am a patient and dedicated photographer with an eye for detail. Once I took 1001 selfies and picked only three to post.

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What quality would make you a good general member ?