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## DESCRIBING YOU

“Personals” are ads in newspapers or magazines placed by those who want to meet others with similar interests. Normally, they are placed by those who want to meet people to date, or perhaps, eventually marry. People who place the ads describe not only the type of people they would like to meet, but also characteristics about themselves. Such ads are sometimes placed by those who seek only friendship, not a dating or marriage relationship. For example, a person might say something like:

*Female, easygoing, loyal, quiet,  
enjoys outdoors, biking, and horseback  
riding. Seeking sincere, honest  
friend with similar interests.*

**Directions:** Although personal ads are used by adults, imagine what you would write if you were seeking friendship. What would you say? Is age important? Would you seek someone of the same gender, race, and ethnic background, or do you value diversity? Consider what qualities you have to offer to a friendship and what traits you look for in a friend. Also, think about what activities you would like to share. Try to capture yourself and your expectations by writing an ad below, limiting yourself to no more than 30 words.

### All About Me — In Thirty Words or Less

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# LOVE IN LYRICS

Romantic love is a subject that people through the ages have tried to understand, to experience, and capture in words. The medium may be poetry, prose, or music. There are lyrics that claim, "I can't live without you," and others that promise, "You can count on me."



**Directions:** On separate paper, make a list of phrases or lines from songs or poems that have something to say about love. Then, pretend you are a visitor from some faraway place. You are gaining your whole understanding of love from these writings, sayings, and song lyrics. What will you learn?

2. Review the discussion of infatuation and mature love in Chapter 19 of your textbook. Would you consider the love expressed in your example phrases and lines to be infatuation or mature love? Why?

1. Summarize the ideas about love that are expressed in the phrases and lines you selected.

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3. What truths or misconceptions about love might the selected phrases and lines be presenting?

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**Focus In**  
Think of a couple you know whose relationship provides a good example of strong, mature love. It might be your parents, grandparents, or a friend's parents. What do you admire and respect most about their relationship? Find a song or a poem that describes this couple's relationship.