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Title Friends**Genre** Sitcom**Tone** Light Ironic Heartwarming**Logline** Follows the personal and professional lives of six friends living in New York City.

All in their twenties.

All trying to figure it out.

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Name Rachel Green**Role** Main Character**Gender** Female**Description** Short, blond, early twenties.**Backstory** Monica's best friend from high school.

Has worked for none of what she has.

On her own for the first time and equipped to do nothing.

Goals To become independent of her parents and choose her own destiny.

Flaws	Spoiled.
	Terrified.
Strengths	Adorable.
	Courageous.
Attractions	Attracted to Ross.

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Name	Ross Geller
Role	Main Character
Gender	Male
Description	Tall, handsome, but shy, and self-doubting.
Backstory	Monica's brother.
	Suddenly divorced.
	Facing singlehood with phenomenal reluctance.
	A paleontologist.
	"Not that it matters."
Flaws	Emotional.
	Romantic.
Strengths	Intelligent.

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Name	Monica Geller
Role	Main Character
Gender	Female

Description	Short, thin, shoulder-length black hair. Very attractive.
Backstory	Had to work for everything she has. An assistant chef for a chic uptown restaurant. And a romantic disaster area.
Flaws	Cynical. Defended.
Strengths	Smart and detail oriented.

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Name	Joey Tribbiani
Role	Main Character
Gender	Male
Description	Short, handsome early twenties. Talks with a bit of a Bronx accent. Short black hair.
Backstory	Handsome. Macho. Smug. Lives across the hall from Monica and Rachel, Wants to be an actor. Actually, to be Al Pacino. Loves women, sports, women, New York, women, and most of all Joey.

Goals Become an accomplished actor.

Flaws Macho.

Smug.

A little slow on the uptake in conversations.

Strengths Outgoing personality, good sense of humor.

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Name Chandler Bing

Role Main Character

Gender Male

Description Short black hair.

Usually dressed business casual.

Backstory Droll.

Dry.

A wry observer of everyone's life.

And his own.

Works in front of a computer doing something tedious in a claustrophobic cubicle in a nondescript office building, survives by way of his sense of humor.

And snacks.

Strengths Smart, quick-witted.

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Name Phoebe Buffay

Role	Main Character
Gender	Female
Description	Tall, blond, a New Age waif.
Backstory	Monica's former roommate. Sells barrettes on the streat and plays guitar in the subway. A good soul.
Flaws	Flaky.
Strengths	Sweet.

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Name	Carol Willick
Role	Minor Character
Gender	Female
Backstory	Discovered she was lesbian and left Ross just prior to first episode.

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Name	Franny
Role	One-shot role
Gender	Female
Backstory	Co-worker with Monica at Iridium. Had a fling with Paul (the Wine Guy) prior to Monica.

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Name	Paul (The Wine Guy)
Role	One-shot role
Gender	Male
Backstory	An initial date for Monica that doesn't go so well, when he tricks her into sleeping with him.

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Name	Gunther
Role	Recurring Character
Gender	Male
Description	Tall, with strikingly bright blonde hair, always seen behind the coffee counter, wearing a Central Perk apron.
Backstory	Originally from the Netherlands, Gunther moved to New York in search of the American dream. Ended up falling in love with the atmosphere of Central Perk and eventually took a job there. Has a silent crush on one of the main characters.
Goals	To eventually own his own cafe, inspired by Central Perk.
Flaws	Shy, struggles with expressing his feelings, particularly his unrequited love.
Strengths	Loyal, hardworking, and has a keen eye for detail.
Peeves	Customers who are rude or overly picky about their coffee orders.
Tensions	His unspoken affection for Rachel causes him internal conflict, especially as he observes her

romantic entanglements.

Attractions Has a long-standing, unspoken crush on Rachel.

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Name Monica's Love Life Is a Dumpster Fire

The state of affairs in the dating world are reflected through her search for the right one.

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Name Rachel Declares Her Independence

Rachel starts with no life skills and must learn to live on her own without her parent's - or anyone's - support

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Name Ross's Ex-Momma Drama

His ex wife left him for another woman but it turns out she was pregnant and wants to keep their baby.

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Name Ross and Rachel Rollercoaster

A will they or won't they becomes an intense on again, off again relationship.

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Name Monica and Ross are Siblings

This gives them inside info and attitudes about each other from childhood, but they support

each other always.

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Name Monica is a Chef

Actually an assistant chef, but at an upscale restaurant and presumably how she and very little brought in by Rachel can pay their rent...

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Name Joey is an Actor

Perennially out of work, he's always struggling to get that next role.

Any role.

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Name Phoebe is a Busker

She's not very good at it but her quirky lyrics are always a hoot.

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Name Chandler "works with numbers"

He has a boring corporate job that doesn't bear description.

That nobody knows what he actually does is a running gag.

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Name Ross Lives Alone, Nearby

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Name Next Door Apt Roomies

The next door apartment is just a few steps away from Monica and Rachel's, so Chandler and Joey are always coming or going.

Sparsely appointed, furniture is a couple of recliners and a couch.

A foosball table, dartboard, and a big canoe speak to the two young men who live there.

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Name Home Base Apt Roomies

Most of the scenes will take place here in Monica and Rachel's apartment.

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Name Central Perk

If a scene is not happening in the Home Base Apt, it is probably happening here.

A cozy café with a vintage feel, centered around an orange velvet couch and a wooden coffee table.

A counter area is decorated with coffee supplies and a large Statue of Liberty poster subtly reinforces the NYC location.

The warm lighting, colorful rugs, and various seating options invoke a welcoming atmosphere.

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Name Home Base Apt

Monica and Rachel live here, and it is one of the main settings of the show.

A cozy and eclectic living room with a huge window, purple walls, a mix of vintage and modern furniture, and various decorative elements create a warm and lived-in atmosphere.

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Name Next Door Apt

Joey and Chandler live here, next door to Monica and Rachel.

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Name Ross's Apt

Ross lives in an apartment near Home Base and Next Door apartments in another building.

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Name Iridium

An upscale restaurant where Monica works.

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Name Subway Station

A common spot for Phoebe to be found busking.

Her actual living situation is vague at the beginning of the show.

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Name	Ross and Rachel Rollercoaster
Span	Seasons 1 - 10
Type	Relationship
Characters	Ross Geller, Rachel Green
Summary	The main relationship of the show has many ups and downs.
Beat	(S1 +2) Rachel gives Ross a "thank you" kiss
Beat	(S2 -2) Almost get together, but nope...
Beat	(S2 +7) Ross and Rachel say "I love you"
Beat	(S3 -6) They "take a break"
Beat	(S3 +4) Rachel says she still has feelings for Ross
Beat	(S4 -1) Briefly back together, they break up immediately
Beat	(S4 -4) Ross briefly married to Emily
Beat	(S5 +9) Ross and Rachel drunkenly get married
Beat	(S6 -4) Just as quickly, they divorce
Beat	(S7 +3) Rachel and Ross nearly sleep together
Beat	(S8 -6) They break up and she moves in with Joey
Beat	(S8 +6) Rachel is pregnant with Ross's baby???
Beat	(S9 +1) Rachel and Ross sleep together
Beat	(S10 +8) Rachel decides to get back together with Ross

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Name	Ross and Rachel - S2
Span	Season 2 Episodes 1 - 23
Type	Relationship
Characters	Rachel Green, Ross Geller
Summary	They almost get together, break up, then get back together.
Beat	(E7 +2) Rachel and Ross kiss for real in the coffee shop
Beat	(E8 -3) Rachel finds Ross' "pros/cons" list about her and Julie
Beat	(E14 +2) Rachel kisses Ross after seeing the prom video
Beat	(E15 +5) Ross and Rachel sleep together
Beat	(E20 +6) Ross and Rachel say "I love you"

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Name	Ross and Rachel - S3
Span	Season 3 Episodes 1 - 25
Type	Relationship
Characters	Rachel Green, Ross Geller
Summary	They break up, almost get back together, then, maybe have feels.
Beat	(E15 -2) Ross and Rachel fight and decide to take a break
Beat	(E16 -5) Ross sleeps with Chloe, not knowing Rachel wants to reconcile

Beat (E25|+2) Rachel tells Ross she still has feelings for him

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Name Ross and Rachel - S4

Span Season 4 Episodes 1 - 24

Type Relationship

Characters Rachel Green, Ross Geller

Summary They get back together but break up immediately.

Later she asks Ross to take out her boss's daughter Emily.

Ross gets married to Emily, but we see Ross and Rachel are still in love.

Beat (E1|-5) Reunited, they split again after arguing about their "break"

Beat (E14|-6) Rachel asks Ross to take out her boss' niece, Emily

Beat (E18|-8) Ross announces his engagement to Emily

Beat (E23|-4) Rachel flies to London to stop Ross' wedding to Emily and tell him she loves him

Beat (E24|-1) Rachel chooses not to tell Ross; Ross says Rachel's name at the altar instead of Emily

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Number 1

Summary Rachel, who left her fiancé at the altar on her wedding day, has come to New York and ends up living with Monica as her roommate when Phoebe had just moved out.

It establishes early on in the season that Ross has been infatuated with Rachel since the two characters attended high school.

Several episodes revolve around his attempts to tell her how he feels.

Ross leaves for a fossil dig in China at the end of the season, missing out on Rachel's birthday party but staying long enough to give her a meaningful present: a cameo that was just like the one that belonged to Rachel's grandmother.

Chandler accidentally reveals that Ross is in love with Rachel, much to her shock.

Rachel realizes that she has feelings for Ross and rushes off to the airport to tell him that she wants to pursue a relationship with him.

As she waits at the gate for Ross to arrive, the season ends on a cliffhanger as he gets off the plane but with a new girlfriend: Julie.

Ross' estranged lesbian wife, Carol Willick, is pregnant with his baby.

This puts him and Carol's lesbian life partner, Susan Bunch, in an awkward position.

When the baby is born at the end of the season, Ross, Carol, and Susan agree to name him Ben: after a name tag on a janitor's uniform worn by Phoebe.

The episodic nature of the season sees the other characters having multiple dates, many of which go wrong (Monica dates a minor in one episode).

The recurring character of Janice is introduced as a girlfriend Chandler breaks up with in an early episode but frequently returns to through the ensuing ten seasons.

Inciting Incident

Rachel Green leaves her fiancé Barry at the altar and moves in with her old friend Monica Geller.

This sets the stage for the entire series by bringing Rachel into the group and sparking her journey towards independence.

Climactic Moment

Rachel discovers Ross's long-hidden feelings for her just as he is leaving for a trip to China.

This revelation creates a significant turning point and sets up the main romantic storyline for the subsequent seasons.