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The year 2019 to be the best ever

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

Despite all the bad and often depressing news that filled our televisions, newspapers, radios and news feeds in 2018, there are reports that the year 2019 will be the best ever. Breaking News English reporters say it will be a particularly good year for students of English. The reporters say the year will provide ample opportunities to refine and develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The New Year's resolution of all learners of English and other languages should be to exploit the myriad of websites dedicated to language learning. Dedicating just 30 minutes a day will reap great rewards in developing vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills.

There are other reasons why 2019 will prove to be the best year ever. However, we all need to pull together and treat each other with love and respect. This year will be the year of good deeds and of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars in the sky are aligning to send positive vibes so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need to tighten our belts so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw up. And finally, we will all be more health conscious and take better care of ourselves. Reporters urge us all to exercise more and eat more nutritious food.

Source: Breaking News English.com

WARM-UPS

1. THE YEAR 2019: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the year 2019. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

bad news / newspapers / news feed / opportunities / speaking / writing skills / fluency
reasons why / pull together / love / respect / hobbies / financially / health / exercise

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BEST YEAR EVER: Students A **strongly** believe 2019 will be the best year ever; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RESOLUTIONS: What would you like to promise yourself you will do this year? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Resolution	How successful will I be?
English		
Health		
Exercise		
Money		
Friends		
Hobbies		

5. NEWS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "news". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ENGLISH: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to do to improve your English at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- new friends
- watch movies
- read more books
- study vocabulary
- read news
- practice writing
- speaking circles
- speak to yourself

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. depressing | a. Receive a reward or benefit as a consequence of one's own or other people's actions. |
| 2. feeds | b. More than enough. |
| 3. ample | c. A firm decision to do or not to do something. |
| 4. refine | d. Causing or resulting in a feeling of miserable sadness. |
| 5. resolution | e. A countless or extremely great number. |
| 6. myriad | f. A computer software function that tells the user of a blog or other frequently updated website that new content has been added. |
| 7. reap | g. Improve something by making small changes. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 8. treat | h. The atmosphere of a place as communicated to and felt by others. |
| 9. deed | i. An action. |
| 10. aligning | j. Good and healthy as food. |
| 11. vibes | k. Behave towards a person or deal with a person in a certain way. |
| 12. tighten our belts | l. Spend less money or cut back on spending. |
| 13. urge | m. Moving so as to be in a straight line. |
| 14. nutritious | n. Recommend or advise something strongly. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said there was depressing news in news feeds in 2018. **T / F**
- b. Reporters say 2019 will be particularly good for English students. **T / F**
- c. Reporters warn of a minefield of language learning websites. **T / F**
- d. The article says there are rewards for studying for half-an-hour a day. **T / F**
- e. The article says we must treat other with love and respect in 2019. **T / F**
- f. The article says we should focus on learning English and not hobbies. **T / F**
- g. Reporters say we should buy a new belt and keep it loose. **T / F**
- h. Reporters said we should enjoy what we eat, even if it is fast food. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. depressing | a. sufficient |
| 2. particularly | b. encourage |
| 3. ample | c. get |
| 4. exploit | d. survive |
| 5. reap | e. gloomy |
| 6. prove | f. shine |
| 7. deeds | g. utilize |
| 8. excel | h. especially |
| 9. weather | i. turn out |
| 10. urge | j. actions |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Despite all the bad and | a. be the best year ever |
| 2. news | b. year for students |
| 3. a particularly good | c. are aligning |
| 4. the year will provide ample | d. developing vocabulary |
| 5. reap great rewards in | e. of ourselves |
| 6. 2019 will prove to | f. with love and respect |
| 7. treat each other | g. often depressing news |
| 8. the stars in the sky | h. to tighten our belts |
| 9. Financially, we all need | i. opportunities |
| 10. take better care | j. feeds |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

Despite all the bad and often (1) _____ news that filled our televisions, newspapers, radios and news feeds in 2018, there are (2) _____ that the year 2019 will be the best ever. Breaking News English reporters say it will be a (3) _____ good year for students of English. The reporters say the year will provide ample opportunities to (4) _____ and develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The New Year's (5) _____ of all learners of English and other languages should be to exploit the myriad of websites (6) _____ to language learning. Dedicating just 30 minutes a day will (7) _____ great rewards in developing vocabulary, (8) _____ and comprehension skills.

refine
reports
reap
resolution
particularly
fluency
depressing
dedicated

There are other reasons why 2019 will (9) _____ to be the best year ever. However, we all need to pull together and (10) _____ each other with love and respect. This year will be the year of good (11) _____ and of helping those who are less (12) _____ than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars in the sky are aligning to send positive (13) _____ so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need to tighten our (14) _____ so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw up. And finally, we will all be more health (15) _____ and take better care of ourselves. Reporters urge us all to exercise more and eat more (16) _____ food.

vibes
deeds
conscious
prove
nutritious
fortunate
belts
treat

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

- 1) Despite all the bad and often depressing news that _____ televisions
 - a. fill dour
 - b. filled hour
 - c. fill door
 - d. filled our
- 2) for students of English. The reporters say the year will _____ opportunities
 - a. provide ample
 - b. provide amply
 - c. provide damp all
 - d. provide amp all
- 3) refine and develop your listening, speaking, reading and _____
 - a. writing skill
 - b. write in skills
 - c. writing skills
 - d. written in skills
- 4) learners of English and other languages should be to exploit _____ websites
 - a. the mirrored of
 - b. them myriad of
 - c. the mirrored off
 - d. the myriad of
- 5) reap great rewards in developing vocabulary, fluency and _____
 - a. comprehensive skills
 - b. comprehension skills
 - c. comprehension skill
 - d. comprehended skills
- 6) However, we all need to pull together and treat each other with _____
 - a. love and respect
 - b. love and respected
 - c. love and respectful
 - d. love and respecting
- 7) This year will be the year of good deeds and of helping those who are _____
 - a. less fortune ate
 - b. less fortune eat
 - c. less fortune at
 - d. less fortunate
- 8) Reporters say the stars in the sky are aligning to send _____
 - a. positive vibes
 - b. positive bribes
 - c. positive fibers
 - d. positive vines
- 9) we all need to tighten our belts so we can weather whatever _____ the...
 - a. moneyed tree storms
 - b. monetarily storms
 - c. monetary storms
 - d. money tree storms
- 10) Reporters urge us all to exercise more and eat more _____
 - a. nourish food
 - b. nutritious food
 - c. nutrition food
 - d. new tree shush food

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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There are (7) _____ 2019 will prove to be the best year ever. However, we all need to pull together and treat each other with love and respect. This year will be the year (8) _____ and of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars in the sky (9) _____ send positive vibes so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need (10) _____ belts so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw up. And finally, we will all be (11) _____ and take better care of ourselves. Reporters urge us all to exercise more and eat (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

1. What kind of feeds did the article mention in the first paragraph?
2. Who will 2019 be a particularly good year for?
3. What will there be ample of to refine listening?
4. What did the article say learners should exploit?
5. How much time is needed to reap great rewards in developing fluency?
6. What do we need to treat each other with?
7. Who did the article say we should help?
8. What did the reporters say is aligning?
9. What did the article say we should tighten?
10. What did reporters suggest we should eat more of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

- 1) What kind of feeds did the article mention in the first paragraph?
 - a) paper feeds
 - b) animal feeds
 - c) news feeds
 - d) baby feeds
- 2) Who will 2019 be a particularly good year for?
 - a) students of English
 - b) teachers
 - c) reporters
 - d) websites
- 3) What will there be ample of to refine listening?
 - a) movies
 - b) CDs
 - c) podcasts
 - d) opportunities
- 4) What did the article say learners should exploit?
 - a) the Internet
 - b) language learning websites
 - c) teachers
 - d) books
- 5) How much time is needed to reap great rewards in developing fluency?
 - a) 30 minutes a week
 - b) a lot of time
 - c) half-an-hour a day
 - d) an hour a day
- 6) What do we need to treat each other with?
 - a) contempt
 - b) love and respect
 - c) kid gloves
 - d) disdain
- 7) Who did the article say we should help?
 - a) poor children
 - b) students
 - c) low-level English learners
 - d) those less fortunate
- 8) What did the reporters say is aligning?
 - a) books on shelves
 - b) the stars in the sky
 - c) contracts
 - d) dreams
- 9) What did the article say we should tighten?
 - a) our belts
 - b) nuts
 - c) ropes
 - d) face skin
- 10) What did reporters suggest we should eat more of?
 - a) alphabet spaghetti
 - b) fast food
 - c) avocados
 - d) nutritious food

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

Role A – Making New Friends

You think making friends is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): watching movies, reading news or studying vocabulary.

Role B – Watching Movies

You think watching movies is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): making friends, reading news or studying vocabulary.

Role C – Reading News

You think reading news is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): watching movies, making friends or studying vocabulary.

Role D – Studying Vocabulary

You think studying vocabulary is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): watching movies, reading news or making friends.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'best' and 'year'.

best	year
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• despite• reports• ample• all• 30• fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• prove• deeds• fantastic• both• throw• eat
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THE YEAR 2019 SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the year 2019 in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE YEAR 2019 DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'year'?
3. Was 2018 a good or bad year?
4. What were the big news stories around the world in 2018?
5. What will the big news stories be in 2019?
6. What were the big news stories in your country in 2018?
7. What plans do you have for your English in 2019?
8. What are your favourite websites for studying English?
9. Is 30 minutes a day enough to improve your English?
10. What do you think of the Breaking News English website?

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THE YEAR 2019 DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word '2019'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What will you do to love and respect people more this year?
15. What good deeds do you plan to do in 2019?
16. What new hobbies would you like to start?
17. Will 2019 be a good year for you financially?
18. How will you take better care of yourself?
19. What New Year's resolutions do you have?
20. What questions would you like to ask someone from the year 2020?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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There are other reasons why 2019 will (7) _____ to be the best year ever. However, we all need to pull together and treat (8) _____ other with love and respect. This year will be the year of good deeds and of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars in the sky are (9) _____ to send positive vibes so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need to tighten our (10) _____ so we can weather whatever monetary (11) _____ the year might throw up. And finally, we will all be more health conscious and take better care of ourselves. Reporters (12) _____ us all to exercise more and eat more nutritious food.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) filling | (b) filler | (c) filled | (d) filtered |
| 2. | (a) feeds | (b) flood | (c) frees | (d) freeze |
| 3. | (a) ample | (b) sample | (c) dimple | (d) pimple |
| 4. | (a) resolution | (b) indication | (c) restitution | (d) induction |
| 5. | (a) marred | (b) myriad | (c) mirth | (d) mute |
| 6. | (a) weep | (b) leap | (c) heap | (d) reap |
| 7. | (a) proof | (b) proven | (c) prove | (d) proofing |
| 8. | (a) every | (b) all | (c) one | (d) each |
| 9. | (a) aligning | (b) aligns | (c) align | (d) a line |
| 10. | (a) belts | (b) waists | (c) wallets | (d) coins |
| 11. | (a) winds | (b) storms | (c) tempests | (d) gales |
| 12. | (a) surge | (b) purge | (c) urge | (d) verge |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

Paragraph 1

1. sdriseegpn news
2. a cryipuratlla good year
3. The New Year's rsteioloun
4. dedacetid to language learning
5. reap great wesrard
6. ulcyenf and comprehension skills

Paragraph 2

7. love and tesecpr
8. the stars in the sky are lgngiina
9. send positive seibv
10. eonramyt storms
11. we will all be more health siccouson
12. eat more tnurtiuos food

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () rewards in developing vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills.
- () it will be a particularly good year for students of English. The reporters say the year will provide ample
- () up. And finally, we will all be more health conscious and take better care of ourselves. Reporters
- (**1**) Despite all the bad and often depressing news that filled our televisions, newspapers, radios and news
- () in the sky are aligning to send positive vibes so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need
- () feeds in 2018, there are reports that the year 2019 will be the best ever. Breaking News English reporters say
- () skills. The New Year's resolution of all learners of English and other languages should be to
- () There are other reasons why 2019 will prove to be the best year ever. However, we all need to pull
- () opportunities to refine and develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing
- () to tighten our belts so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw
- () urge us all to exercise more and eat more nutritious food.
- () helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars
- () exploit the myriad of websites dedicated to language learning. Dedicating just 30 minutes a day will reap great
- () together and treat each other with love and respect. This year will be the year of good deeds and of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

1. year English . good particularly A of students for
2. the year ample opportunities . will say Reporters provide
3. learners New The of of Year's resolution English .
4. websites of to myriad language learning . The dedicated
5. will day great Thirty reap rewards . a minutes
6. 2019 best . to will prove the Why be
7. each Pull together treat and other with love .
8. This year will be the deeds . of good
9. we Financially, our tighten need belts . to all
10. nutritious more eat Exercise and more food .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

Despite all the bad and often *depression / depressing* news that filled our televisions, newspapers, radios and news *deeds / feeds* in 2018, there are reports that the year 2019 will *being / be* the best ever. Breaking News English reporters say it will be a *particular / particularly* good year for students of English. The reporters say the year will provide *sample / ample* opportunities to *refine / refinery* and develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The New Year's *revolution / resolution* of all learners of English and other languages should be to exploit the *myriad / mystical* of websites dedicated to language learning. Dedicating just 30 minutes a day will *reap / heap* great rewards in developing vocabulary, fluency and *comprehension / comprehensively* skills.

There are other *reason / reasons* why 2019 will prove to be the best year ever. However, we all need to *pull / push* together and *treaty / treat* each other with love and respect. This year will be the year of good *beads / deeds* and of helping those who are less *fortune / fortunate* than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars *on / in* the sky are aligning to send positive *vibes / bribes* so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need to *tighten / tight* our belts so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw up. And finally, we will all be more *healthy / health* conscious and take better care of ourselves. Reporters *purge / urge* us all to exercise more and eat more nutritious food.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

D_s p_t_ _ll th_ b_d _nd _ft_n d_p_r_s_s_n_g n_w_s
t_h_t f_ll_d _r t_l_v_s__n_s , n_w_s p_p_r_s ,
r_d__s _nd n_w_s f__ds _n 2018 , th_r_r_
r_p_r_t_s th_t th_ y__r 2019 w_ll b_ th_ b_s
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t_d_n_t_s _f E_n_g_l_s_h . Th_ r_p_r_t_r_s s_y th_
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l_v_ _nd r_s_p_c_t . Th_s y__r w_ll b_ th_ y__r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190101-the-year-2019.html>

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there are other reasons why 2019 will prove to be the best year ever however we all need to pull together and treat each other with love and respect this year will be the year of good deeds and of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves it will also be a fantastic year for hobbies reporters say the stars in the sky are aligning to send positive vibes so that we all excel in our hobbies both existing and new financially we all need to tighten our belts so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw up and finally we will all be more health conscious and take better care of ourselves reporters urge us all to exercise more and eat more nutritious food.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE YEAR 2019: Make a poster about the year 2019. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE BEST YEAR: Write a magazine article about the year 2019. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who don't believe it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the news. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what news we might be reading about in 2019. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. k 9. i 10. m 11. h 12. l 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b T c F d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. depressing | a. gloomy |
| 2. particularly | b. especially |
| 3. ample | c. sufficient |
| 4. exploit | d. utilize |
| 5. reap | e. get |
| 6. prove | f. turn out |
| 7. deeds | g. actions |
| 8. excel | h. shine |
| 9. weather | i. survive |
| 10. urge | j. encourage |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. News feeds
2. Students of English
3. Opportunities
4. A myriad of language learning websites
5. Thirty minutes
6. Love and respect
7. Those less fortunate
8. The stars in the sky
9. Our belts
10. Nutritious food

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A particularly good year for students of English.
2. Reporters say the year will provide ample opportunities.
3. The New Year's resolution of learners of English.
4. The myriad of websites dedicated to language learning.
5. Thirty minutes a day will reap great rewards.
6. Why 2019 will prove to be the best.
7. Pull together and treat each other with love.
8. This will be the year of good deeds.
9. Financially, we all need to tighten our belts.
10. Exercise more and eat more nutritious food.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)