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## Level 6

### 2018 to be a great year

2nd January, 2018

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

The year 2018 is just days old, but already there are indications it will be a great 12 months. This is according to a poll conducted by the international news service BNE. The service's top pollster asked pertinent questions about whether people were optimistic or pessimistic about the year ahead. A resounding 100 per cent of survey participants responded positively. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, both in their personal lives and in terms of national and global issues. All those who took part in the survey were of the opinion that 2018 would be significantly better than the year 2017. A BNE spokesman said he was heartened by the responses and wished everyone good fortune.

The survey questioned participants' views on their hopes for their own life, as well as for the fate of the Earth. An overwhelming majority of people were convinced they would carry out their New Year resolutions. In particular, people were determined to get in shape, stop procrastinating, save money, and improve their English ability. Others said they would use their smartphones less often, eat less fast food and chocolate, and make sure their homes are always very, very tidy. Most participants were positive about the world in 2018. They thought there would be fewer wars, less pollution and an increase in goodwill shown to the less fortunate. Everyone hoped for more peace, love, happiness and prosperity.

Sources: [BreakingNewsEnglish.com](https://breakingnewsenglish.com)

# WARM-UPS

**1. NEW YEAR:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the New Year. 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?

2018 / indications / poll / international / news / optimistic / pessimistic / fortune / views / majority / resolutions / English ability / smartphones / tidy / wars / peace

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

**3. THE BEST:** Students A **strongly** believe the year 2018 will be the best ever; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. RESOLUTIONS:** What are your New Year resolutions? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	What?	Why?
English		
Health		
Money		
Bad habits		
Friends		
Hobbies		

**5. 2017:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the year "2017". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. HOPES:** Rank these with your partner. Put your most important hopes for 2018 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Fewer wars
- Better leaders
- Less poverty
- More equality
- Greater tolerance
- More security
- Better food
- More money

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. indications  | a. Organized and carried out.   |
| 2. according to | b. Made more cheerful or confident.   |
| 3. poll         | c. A sign or piece of information that shows something.                             |
| 4. conducted    | d. An assessment of public opinion by questioning a sample of people.               |
| 5. pertinent    | e. As stated, said or written by.   |
| 6. pessimistic  | f. Relevant or applicable to a particular matter.                                   |
| 7. heartened    | g. Tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 8. fate             | h. The greater number of.  |
| 9. majority         | i. Completely certain about something.   |
| 10. convinced       | j. Friendly, helpful, or cooperative feelings or attitudes towards others.                                   |
| 11. resolutions     | k. The course of someone's life, or the outcome of a particular situation for someone or something; destiny. |
| 12. procrastinating | l. Wealth and success.   |
| 13. goodwill        | m. Delaying or postponing actions; put off doing something.  |
| 14. prosperity      | n. Firm decisions to do or not to do something (often these decisions are made on New Year's Day).           |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

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

- a. The article says there are already signs that 2018 will be a great year. **T / F**
- b. All of the participants in a survey were positive about 2018. **T / F**
- c. The participants thought global issues would not be so wonderful. **T / F**
- d. Half of the participants thought 2018 would be better than 2017. **T / F**
- e. Less than half of the people think their New Year resolutions will last. **T / F**
- f. Most of the people are determined to stop putting things off. **T / F**
- g. Most people want to make more use of their smartphones in 2018. **T / F**
- h. Everyone hoped for greater prosperity and more goodwill. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1. indications</b>     | a. opinions           |
| <b>2. conducted</b>       | b. answered           |
| <b>3. pessimistic</b>     | c. wealth             |
| <b>4. responded</b>       | d. carried out        |
| <b>5. significantly</b>   | e. destiny            |
| <b>6. views</b>           | f. signs              |
| <b>7. fate</b>            | g. neat               |
| <b>8. procrastinating</b> | h. gloomy             |
| <b>9. tidy</b>            | i. putting things off |
| <b>10. prosperity</b>     | j. considerably       |

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

- |                                      |                               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. indications it will               | a. pessimistic about the year |
| 2. according                         | b. to the less fortunate      |
| 3. whether people were optimistic or | c. better                     |
| 4. in terms of national              | d. to a poll                  |
| 5. 2018 would be significantly       | e. of the Earth               |
| 6. the fate                          | f. procrastinating            |
| 7. An overwhelming                   | g. be a great 12 months       |
| 8. stop                              | h. and prosperity             |
| 9. an increase in goodwill shown     | i. and global issues          |
| 10. more peace, love, happiness      | j. majority of people         |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

The year 2018 is just (1) \_\_\_\_\_ old, but already there are indications it will be a great 12 months. This is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to a poll conducted by the international news service BNE. The service's top pollster asked (3) \_\_\_\_\_ questions about whether people were optimistic or (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about the year ahead. A resounding 100 per cent of survey participants responded (5) \_\_\_\_\_. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, both in their personal lives and in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of national and global issues. All those who took part in the survey were of the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that 2018 would be significantly better than the year 2017. A BNE spokesman said he was heartened by the responses and wished everyone good (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*pertinent*  
*terms*  
*according*  
*fortune*  
*pessimistic*  
*days*  
*opinion*  
*positively*

The survey questioned participants' (9) \_\_\_\_\_ on their hopes for their own life, as well as for the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth. An overwhelming majority of people were convinced they would carry out their New Year resolutions. In (11) \_\_\_\_\_, people were determined to get in shape, stop (12) \_\_\_\_\_, save money, and improve their English ability. Others said they would use their smartphones less often, eat less fast food and chocolate, and make sure their homes are always very, very (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Most participants were positive about the world in 2018. They thought there would be fewer (14) \_\_\_\_\_, less pollution and an increase in (15) \_\_\_\_\_ shown to the less fortunate. Everyone (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for more peace, love, happiness and prosperity.

*fate*  
*wars*  
*procrastinating*  
*hoped*  
*views*  
*goodwill*  
*particular*  
*tidy*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

- 1) The year 2018 is just days old, but already there are indications it will be a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. greatly 12 months
  - b. greater 12 months
  - c. greatness 12 months
  - d. great 12 months
- 2) pertinent questions about whether people were optimistic \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. or pest a mystic
  - b. or pestle mist stick
  - c. or peers a missed tick
  - d. or pessimistic
- 3) They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, both in their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. personal lives
  - b. personally lives
  - c. personalize lives
  - d. personality lives
- 4) those who took part in the survey were of the opinion that 2018 would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be significance better
  - b. be significantly bettered
  - c. be significance bettered
  - d. be significantly better
- 5) he was heartened by the responses and wished everyone \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. good fortunate
  - b. good fortunately
  - c. good fortune
  - d. good fort tune
- 6) views on their hopes for their own life, as well as for the \_\_\_\_\_ Earth
  - a. fate of the
  - b. fete of the
  - c. feat of the
  - d. feet of the
- 7) In particular, people were determined to get in shape, \_\_\_\_\_ ,...
  - a. stop pro caster nothing
  - b. stop pro craters noting
  - c. stop pro crusty nothing
  - d. stop procrastinating
- 8) eat less fast food and chocolate, and make sure their homes are always \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. verily, very tidy
  - b. very, very tidy
  - c. very, verily tidy
  - d. verily, verily tidy
- 9) there would be fewer wars, less pollution and an increase in \_\_\_\_\_ the less fortunate
  - a. good well showing to
  - b. good while shown to
  - c. goodwill shown to
  - d. good will showing to
- 10) Everyone hoped for more peace, love, happiness \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and pro scarcity
  - b. and dross parity
  - c. and pro spear ratty
  - d. and prosperity

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

The year 2018 is (1) \_\_\_\_\_, but already there are indications it will be a great 12 months. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a poll conducted by the international news service BNE. The service's top pollster asked pertinent questions about whether people were optimistic (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the year ahead. A resounding 100 per cent of survey participants (4) \_\_\_\_\_. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, both in their personal lives (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of national and global issues. All those who took part in the survey were of the opinion that 2018 would be significantly better than the year 2017. A BNE spokesman said he was heartened by the responses and wished (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The survey questioned participants' views on their hopes for their own life, as well as for (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth. An overwhelming majority of people were convinced they (8) \_\_\_\_\_ their New Year resolutions. In particular, people were determined to (9) \_\_\_\_\_, stop procrastinating, save money, and improve their English ability. Others said they would use their smartphones less often, eat less fast food and chocolate, and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ homes are always very, very tidy. Most participants were positive about the world in 2018. They thought there would be fewer wars, less pollution and an increase (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the less fortunate. Everyone hoped for more peace, love, (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

1. What did the news service BNE carry out?
2. What percent of people responded positively to a survey?
3. What kind of issues did the people say 2018 would be wonderful for?
4. What did the survey participants say 2018 would be better than?
5. What did a BNE spokesman wish everyone?
6. What did participants answer questions on the fate of?
7. How many people were convinced they would carry out their resolutions?
8. What did many people say they wanted to stop doing?
9. What did many people resolve to keep tidy?
10. What did people think would be shown more of to the less fortunate?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

- 1) What did the news service BNE carry out?
  - a) a statue of the numbers 2017
  - b) a poll
  - c) a rare feat
  - d) a computer
- 2) What per cent of people responded positively to a survey?
  - a) 1.1%
  - b) 50%
  - c) 99%
  - d) 100%
- 3) What kind of issues did the people say 2018 would be wonderful for?
  - a) global issues
  - b) social issues
  - c) financial issues
  - d) women's issues
- 4) What did the survey participants say 2018 would be better than?
  - a) chocolate
  - b) the 20th century
  - c) 2017
  - d) 2000
- 5) What did a BNE spokesman wish everyone?
  - a) luck
  - b) good fortune
  - c) success
  - d) lots of money
- 6) What did participants answer questions on the fate of?
  - a) the Earth
  - b) their government
  - c) themselves
  - d) the population
- 7) How many people were convinced they would carry out their resolutions?
  - a) over 10 million
  - b) all of them
  - c) an overwhelming majority
  - d) 23,799,852
- 8) What did many people say they wanted to stop doing?
  - a) procrastinating
  - b) being poor
  - c) studying English
  - d) using their smartphones
- 9) What did many people resolve to keep tidy?
  - a) their home
  - b) their hair
  - c) their clothes
  - d) their desktop
- 10) What did people think would be shown more of to the less fortunate?
  - a) food
  - b) smiles
  - c) charity
  - d) goodwill

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

## **Role A – Fewer Wars**

You think fewer wars is the most important hope for 2018. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hopes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): better leaders, less poverty or more security.

## **Role B – Better Leaders**

You think better leaders is the most important hope for 2018. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hopes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): fewer wars, less poverty or more security.

## **Role C – Less Poverty**

You think less poverty is the most important hope for 2018. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hopes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): better leaders, fewer wars or more security.

## **Role D – More Security**

You think more security is the most important hope for 2018. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hopes aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): better leaders, less poverty or fewer wars.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

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

<b>great</b>	<b>year</b>
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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"><li>• just</li><li>• poll</li><li>• ahead</li><li>• thought</li><li>• part</li><li>• wished</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• life</li><li>• carry</li><li>• ability</li><li>• fast</li><li>• fewer</li><li>• love</li></ul>
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# 2018 SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 2018 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.

## 2018 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. How do you feel about 2018?
4. What are you optimistic and pessimistic about regarding 2018?
5. What do you think 2018 will be like for you?
6. What do you think 2018 will be like for the world?
7. What did you think of the year 2017?
8. What do you hope will happen in 2018?
9. What bad things might happen in 2018?
10. What has been the best year of your life, and why?

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## 2018 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 year '2018'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What New Year resolutions do you have?
15. How much of a procrastinator are you?
16. What will you do to improve your English ability this year?
17. How possible is it for you to use your smartphone less this year?
18. What are your thoughts on the number of wars in 2018?
19. What will lead to more love in the world?
20. What questions would you like to ask the pollster?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

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

- |     |                 |                  |                  |                  |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) indications | (b) inclinations | (c) indignations | (d) imaginations |
| 2.  | (a) doll        | (b) moll         | (c) poll         | (d) toll         |
| 3.  | (a) heading     | (b) headed       | (c) ahead        | (d) header       |
| 4.  | (a) posits      | (b) positive     | (c) positives    | (d) positively   |
| 5.  | (a) over        | (b) off          | (c) of           | (d) under        |
| 6.  | (a) off         | (b) of           | (c) over         | (d) as           |
| 7.  | (a) feat        | (b) fate         | (c) fete         | (d) feet         |
| 8.  | (a) in          | (b) out          | (c) off          | (d) to           |
| 9.  | (a) snap        | (b) slap         | (c) shape        | (d) stare        |
| 10. | (a) fewer       | (b) reduced      | (c) reducing     | (d) less         |
| 11. | (a) less        | (b) reducing     | (c) reduction    | (d) fewer        |
| 12. | (a) prosper     | (b) prosperous   | (c) prosper      | (d) prosperity   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. daosciintn it will be a great 12 months
2. asked irpnttene questions
3. whether people were optimistic or esiisitmcsp
4. survey participants responded tipsioveyl
5. enedtaehr by the responses
6. wished everyone good enrtufo

## Paragraph 2

7. An overwhelming rmoyatij of people
8. people were ivcnoendc they would
9. reedtmnied to get in shape
10. stop aicaonprngttirs
11. goodwill shown to the less nruatteof
12. peace, love, happiness and perrpyitso

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) personal lives and in terms of national and global issues. All those who took part in the survey were of
- ( ) questions about whether people were optimistic or pessimistic about the year ahead. A resounding 100 per cent
- ( ) food and chocolate, and make sure their homes are always very, very tidy. Most participants were positive
- ( ) The survey questioned participants' views on their hopes for their own life, as well as for the
- ( ) he was heartened by the responses and wished everyone good fortune.
- ( ) their English ability. Others said they would use their smartphones less often, eat less fast
- ( ) the opinion that 2018 would be significantly better than the year 2017. A BNE spokesman said
- ( ) resolutions. In particular, people were determined to get in shape, stop procrastinating, save money, and improve
- ( **1** ) The year 2018 is just days old, but already there are indications it will be a great 12 months. This is according
- ( ) to a poll conducted by the international news service BNE. The service's top pollster asked pertinent
- ( ) of survey participants responded positively. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, both in their
- ( ) in goodwill shown to the less fortunate. Everyone hoped for more peace, love, happiness and prosperity.
- ( ) fate of the Earth. An overwhelming majority of people were convinced they would carry out their New Year
- ( ) about the world in 2018. They thought there would be fewer wars, less pollution and an increase

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

1. be 12 are will great There it a months indications .
2. pessimistic or about whether people were optimistic Questions .
3. per 100 resounding A participants survey of cent .
4. better significantly be would 2018 that opinion The .
5. A heartened spokesman by said the he responses was .
6. questioned survey The hopes their on views participants' .
7. people convinced overwhelming of were An majority .
8. shape , determined in particular were get In people to .
9. world participants positive the Most were about .
10. to increase the in less goodwill fortunate shown An .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018.html>

The year 2018 is just days old, but already there are *inclinations / indications* it will be a great 12 months. This is according to a poll conducted by the international news service BNE. The service's top *polling / pollster* asked *pertinent / patent* questions about whether people were optimistic or pessimistic about the year *ahead / heading*. A *resounding / rescinding* 100 per cent of survey *participants / participates* responded positively. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, *both / all* in their personal lives and *in / on* terms of national and global issues. All those who took part in the survey were *off / of* the opinion that 2018 would be significantly better than the year 2017. A BNE spokesman said he was heartened by the responses and wished everyone good *fortune / fortunate*.

The survey questioned participants' views on their hopes for their own life, as well as for the *fete / fate* of the Earth. An overwhelming majority *for / of* people were convinced they would carry *in / out* their New Year resolutions. In particular, people were determined to get *on / in* shape, *stop / start* procrastinating, save money, and improve their English ability. *Another / Others* said they would use their smartphones less often, eat less fast food and chocolate, and make sure their homes are always *verily / very*, very tidy. Most participants were positive about the world in 2018. They thought there would be *fewer / less* wars, less pollution and an increase in goodwill shown to the less *fortune / fortunate*. Everyone hoped for more peace, love, happiness and *prosperity / prosper*.

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **2018** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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The year 2018 will be the best ever. Discuss.

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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. 2018:** Make a poster about 2018. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. THE BEST YEAR EVER:** Write a magazine article about 2018 being the best year ever. Include imaginary interviews with people who think this is true, and with those who don't think this is true.

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 2018. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your predictions for this year. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. indications     | a. signs              |
| 2. conducted       | b. carried out        |
| 3. pessimistic     | c. gloomy             |
| 4. responded       | d. answered           |
| 5. significantly   | e. considerably       |
| 6. views           | f. opinions           |
| 7. fate            | g. destiny            |
| 8. procrastinating | h. putting things off |
| 9. tidy            | i. neat               |
| 10. prosperity     | j. wealth             |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A poll
2. 100%
3. Global issues
4. 2017
5. Good fortune
6. The Earth
7. An overwhelming majority
8. Procrastinating
9. Their home
10. Goodwill

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    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 ;-)