

## 2014 to be the best year ever

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The Internet says the year 2014 will be the best year ever for most of us. This year will be the year when we all start making progress with our plans. It is a great

time to finally get around to doing the things you keep putting off. In particular, 2014 is the perfect year to start exercising and getting in shape. It is also the right time to start eating healthier food. The Internet also found that 2014 is ideal for people to help other people, especially people they do not know. Millions of people around the world are in need. They do not have enough food to eat and the water they drink is often not clean. Many children cannot go to school or get medicine when they are sick. The year 2014 is the time to help these people more.

The Internet also hopes there will be happier stories in the news. People are tired of wars, mass shootings, bombs and bad leaders. We can all help to make sure there are happier stories in the news. There are many small things we can all do to make the world a better place. We can change our lifestyle a little to help the environment. This means recycling more and using electricity less. We can also start doing voluntary work in our local community. This will help the volunteers and the projects they work with. Some of the biggest problems in the world are because of leaders who care more about staying in power than helping their people. The Internet could help people change these leaders.

Source: The Internet

### Writing

*More good things happened than bad things in 2013.* Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*Internet / 2014 / making progress / putting things off / getting in shape / medicine / happier news stories / mass shootings / a better place / recycling / volunteers / power*

### True / False

- The Internet said 2014 would be the best year ever for all of us. T / F
- The article says we will do things we didn't get round to doing before. T / F
- The article says 2014 is the ideal year to help people we know. T / F
- Millions of children worldwide are in need of education and medicine. T / F
- The Internet said there would be fewer wars in 2014. T / F
- We can help to make sure there are happier news stories. T / F
- The article suggests we start doing voluntary work to help others. T / F
- The article says world leaders have a problem with the Internet. T / F

### Synonym Match

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| 1. ever      | a. at last       |
| 2. plans     | b. adjust        |
| 3. finally   | c. drugs         |
| 4. ideal     | d. neighbourhood |
| 5. medicine  | e. perfect       |
| 6. tired of  | f. in history    |
| 7. sure      | g. control       |
| 8. change    | h. goals         |
| 9. community | i. certain       |
| 10. power    | j. fed up with   |

### Discussion – Student A

- Do you think there will be more happier stories this year?
- Why is the news full of bad stories?
- Can you change your lifestyle to make the world a better place?
- What have been the best and worst years of your life?
- Will you do voluntary work in 2014?
- What will the world's biggest problems be in 2014?
- What do you want world leaders to do this year?
- What questions would you like to ask a world leader about 2014?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. the best year ever                      | a. happier stories  |
| 2. start making                            | b. in shape         |
| 3. get around to doing the things you keep | c. they are sick    |
| 4. start exercising and getting            | d. progress         |
| 5. get medicine when                       | e. staying in power |
| 6. People are tired                        | f. for most of us   |
| 7. make sure there are                     | g. work             |
| 8. make the world a                        | h. putting off      |
| 9. start doing voluntary                   | i. better place     |
| 10. leaders who care more about            | j. of wars          |

## Discussion – Student B

- How was 2013 for you?
- What do you look forward to about New Year celebrations?
- What New Year's resolutions do you have? Will you keep them?
- What could happen for this year to be the best ever?
- What things did you put off doing last year?
- Will you start helping others more this year?
- How can we help those in need?
- What is your biggest aim this year (and why)?

## Spelling

- start making rrspesgo with our plans
- yilafln get around to doing the things
- In ilurraatcp, 2014 is the perfect year
- edila for people to help other people
- iesaycllp people they do not know
- get ieinmcde when they are sick
- mass nhsitosgo
- change our etesfilyl
- start doing vyanurotl work
- local mctoiumyn
- the lnrvueoset and the projects they work with
- problems in the world are because of dsralee

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. h	3. a	4. e	5. c
6. j	7. i	8. b	9. d	10. g

## Role Play

### Role A – Voluntary work

You think doing voluntary work is the most important thing we should do in 2014. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): studying English, getting in shape or saving money.

### Role B – Study English

You think studying English is the most important thing we should do in 2014. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): doing voluntary work, getting in shape or saving money.

### Role C – Get in shape

You think getting in shape is the most important thing we should do in 2014. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): studying English, doing voluntary work or saving money.

### Role D – Save money

You think saving money is the most important thing we should do in 2014. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): studying English, getting in shape or doing voluntary work.

## Speaking – Happy News

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the happiest news stories at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- news about heroes
- news about cats and dogs
- news about rescues
- happy economic news
- happy wedding news
- happy news about children
- happy sports news
- happy ending stories

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.