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Level 4 **2018 to be a great year**

2nd January, 2018

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The year 2018 is new, but there are signs it will be a great year. A poll carried out by a news service asked whether people were optimistic or pessimistic about the year ahead. Everyone responded positively. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year for themselves and the world. Everyone believed that 2018 would be much better than 2017. A spokesman said the responses made him happy. He wished everyone good luck.

The survey asked people about their life and about the Earth. Most people were confident of carrying out their New Year resolutions. In particular, to get in shape, to stop putting things off, save money, and improve their English. Others will use their smartphones less, eat less fast food, and tidy their homes. Most people were positive about the world. They thought there would be fewer wars, more love and peace, less pollution, and more kindness for the poor.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. there are signs it | a. made him happy |
| 2. asked whether people | b. the year ahead |
| 3. pessimistic about | c. good luck |
| 4. 2018 would be a | d. were optimistic |
| 5. for themselves | e. will be a great year |
| 6. 2018 would be much | f. and the world |
| 7. the responses | g. wonderful year |
| 8. He wished everyone | h. better |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. people were | a. about the world |
| 2. get in | b. and peace |
| 3. stop putting | c. confident |
| 4. tidy their | d. for the poor |
| 5. Most people were positive | e. things off |
| 6. They thought there would be | f. homes |
| 7. more love | g. shape |
| 8. more kindness | h. fewer wars |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The year 2018 is new, but there (1) _____ will be a great year. A poll carried out by a news service (2) _____ were optimistic or pessimistic about (3) _____. Everyone responded positively. (4) _____ 2018 would be a wonderful year for themselves (5) _____. Everyone believed that 2018 would be much better than 2017. A spokesman said the responses made him happy. He (6) _____ luck.

The survey asked people (7) _____ and about the Earth. Most people were (8) _____ out their New Year resolutions. In particular, to get in shape, to stop (9) _____, save money, and improve their English. Others will use their smartphones less, (10) _____ food, and tidy their homes. Most people were positive about the world. They thought there would (11) _____, more love and peace, less pollution, and more (12) _____ poor.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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2018 SURVEY

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

