

The New Year - Listening

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BEFORE LISTENING

1. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms before you listen to the recording.

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| 1. start | a. widespread |
| 2. forthcoming | b. regrettably |
| 3. vow | c. yearly |
| 4. unfortunately | d. promise |
| 5. hard | e. approaching |
| 6. common | f. shows |
| 7. fit | g. get out |
| 8. reveals | h. tough |
| 9. annual | i. in good shape |
| 10. escape | j. beginning |

Now you can listen to the recording and answer the following exercises:

Click here to listen - [AUDIO RECORDING](#)

2. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Choose whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

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| a. A professor of psychiatry said January 1 was a magical date. | T / F |
| b. The professor said August 26 was the worst date to make promises. | T / F |
| c. The article says most resolutions are broken in January. | T / F |
| d. A website said most people make new resolutions every year. | T / F |
| e. Around 45% of us make a New Year's resolution. | T / F |
| f. One of the most common resolutions is to do voluntary work. | T / F |
| g. Around 71% of us keep resolutions for over 3 weeks. | T / F |
| h. The article said people give up because they get bored. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

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| 1. Who is Jayashri Kulkarni?

a) a computer scientist
b) a psychiatry professor
c) a gossip columnist
d) an astrologist | 6. How many of us make a New Year's resolution?

a) 45%
b) 44%
c) 43%
d) 42% |
| 2. What date did Jayashri Kulkarni contrast January 1 with?

a) December 25
b) March 14
c) January 31
d) August 26 | 7. Who do many people resolve help?

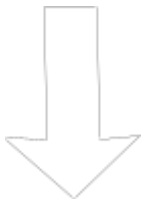
a) those with no resolutions
b) the lonely
c) other people
d) the poor |
| 3. When are most New Year's resolutions broken by?

a) January 31
b) August 26
c) March 14
d) January 2 | 8. How long do 71% of us stick to resolutions?

a) two weeks
b) two days
c) 12 days
d) 12 weeks |

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| <p>4. According to the article, what are identical each year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the stars and planetsb) the Moon and Sunc) resolutionsd) the weight people want to lose | <p>9. How many people continue to resolutions up to six months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) less than 50%b) 55%c) 60%d) more than 65% |
| <p>5. What did the website usa.gov say people have a hard time doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) getting fitb) sticking to resolutionsc) finding a good resolutiond) losing weight | <p>10. What kind of clause do people use to stop their resolution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) a legal clauseb) a grammatical clausec) a legal claused) an escape clause |

ANSWERS



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TRUE / FALSE

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

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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