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## **Level 2**

# **2014 to be the best year ever**

**1st January, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140101-happy-new-year-2.html>

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# THE READING

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The Internet says 2014 will be the best year ever for most of us. This year will be when we all make progress with our plans. We will finally get around to doing things we kept putting off. In particular, it is the perfect year to exercise and get in shape. It is also the right time to eating healthier food. The Internet also found that in 2014 we will help other people, especially people we do not know. Millions of people do not have enough food and the water they drink is often not clean. Many children cannot go to school or get medicine when they are sick. This year we will help these people more.

The Internet also hopes for happier news stories. People are tired of war, killing, bombs and bad leaders. We can all help to make news stories happier. We can do small things to make the world better. We can change our lifestyle to help the environment - recycle more and use electricity less. We can also do voluntary work in our local community. This will help the volunteers and the projects they work with. Some of our biggest problems are because of world leaders who care more about their own power than their people. The Internet could help us to change these leaders.

Source: The Internet

# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Internet says 2014 | a. shape                |
| 2. make                   | b. is often not clean   |
| 3. doing things we kept   | c. progress             |
| 4. get in                 | d. not have enough food |
| 5. especially people      | e. when they are sick   |
| 6. Millions of people do  | f. will be the best     |
| 7. the water they drink   | g. we do not know       |
| 8. get medicine           | h. putting off          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. happier                        | a. to make the world better |
| 2. People are tired               | b. about their own power    |
| 3. We can do small things         | c. electricity less         |
| 4. We can change our lifestyle to | d. of war                   |
| 5. recycle more and use           | e. voluntary work           |
| 6. We can also do                 | f. news stories             |
| 7. Some of our                    | g. help the environment     |
| 8. leaders who care more          | h. biggest problems         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Internet says 2014 will be the best (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of us. This year will be when we all make progress with our plans. We will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to doing things we kept putting off. In particular, it is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ exercise and get in shape. It is also the right time to eating healthier food. The Internet also found that in 2014 we will help (4) \_\_\_\_\_ people we do not know. Millions of people do not have enough food and the water they drink (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Many children cannot go to school or get medicine when they are sick. This year we will help (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Internet also hopes for (7) \_\_\_\_\_. People are tired of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and bad leaders. We can all help to make news stories happier. We can do small things to make the world better. We can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to help the environment - recycle more and use electricity less. We can also do voluntary work in (10) \_\_\_\_\_. This will help the volunteers and the projects they work with. Some of our biggest problems are because of world leaders (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their own power than their people. The Internet could help us to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1401/140101-happy-new-year-2.html>

Write about **2014** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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