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## **Level 5** **2018 to be a great year**

**2nd January, 2018**

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018-5.html>

The year 2018 is new, but already there are signs it will be a great 12 months. This is according to a poll conducted from an international news service. The service asked about whether people were optimistic or pessimistic about the year ahead. An amazing 100 per cent of people responded positively. They all thought 2018 would be a wonderful year, both personally and in terms of global issues. Everyone was of the opinion that 2018 would be much better than 2017. A spokesman said the responses made him happy. He wished everyone good fortune.

The survey questioned people on their life, as well as on the fate of the Earth. A huge majority of people were sure they would carry out their New Year resolutions. In particular, people want to get in shape, stop procrastinating, save money, and improve their English. Others said they would use their smartphones less, eat less fast food, and make sure their homes are tidy. Most people were positive about the world in 2018. They thought there would be fewer wars, less pollution, and more kindness for the less fortunate. Everyone hoped for peace, love, happiness and prosperity.

Sources: BreakingNewsEnglish.com

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. This is according                | a. positively       |
| 2. asked about whether people       | b. happy            |
| 3. pessimistic about                | c. were optimistic  |
| 4. people responded                 | d. fortune          |
| 5. They all thought 2018 would be a | e. to a poll        |
| 6. in terms                         | f. the year ahead   |
| 7. the responses made him           | g. of global issues |
| 8. He wished everyone good          | h. wonderful year   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. on the fate               | a. less fortunate  |
| 2. people want to get in     | b. tidy            |
| 3. improve their             | c. and prosperity  |
| 4. make sure their homes are | d. shape           |
| 5. Most people were positive | e. be fewer wars   |
| 6. They thought there would  | f. English         |
| 7. more kindness for the     | g. of the Earth    |
| 8. peace, love, happiness    | h. about the world |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The survey questioned people on their life, as well as (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth. A (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people were sure they would carry out their New Year resolutions. In particular, people want to (9) \_\_\_\_\_, stop procrastinating, save money, and improve their English. Others said they would use their smartphones less, eat less fast food, and make sure their (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Most people were positive about the world in 2018. They thought there would be fewer wars, less pollution, and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the less fortunate. Everyone hoped for peace, love, (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 2018 SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2018/180102-2018-4.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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

