

The year 2019 to be the best ever

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Despite all the bad and often depressing news that filled our televisions, newspapers, radios and news feeds in 2018, there are reports that the year 2019 will be the best ever. Breaking News English reporters say it will be a

particularly good year for students of English. The reporters say the year will provide ample opportunities to refine and develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The New Year's resolution of all learners of English and other languages should be to exploit the myriad of websites online dedicated to language learning. Dedicating just 30 minutes a day will reap great rewards in developing vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills.

There are other reasons why 2019 will prove to be the best year ever. However, we all need to pull together and treat each other with love and respect. This year will be the year of good deeds and of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It will also be a fantastic year for hobbies. Reporters say the stars in the sky are aligning to send positive vibes so that we all excel in our hobbies - both existing and new. Financially, we all need to tighten our belts so we can weather whatever monetary storms the year might throw up. And finally, we will all be more health conscious and take better care of ourselves. Reporters urge us all to exercise more and eat more nutritious food.

Source: BreakingNewsEnglish.com

Writing

The year 2019 will be the best year ever for all the world. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

bad news / newspapers / news feed / opportunities / speaking / writing skills / fluency / reasons why / pull together / love / respect / hobbies / financially / health / exercise

True / False

- a) The article said there was depressing news in news feeds in 2018. T / F
- b) Reporters say 2019 will be particularly good for English students. T / F
- c) Reporters warn of a minefield of language learning websites. T / F
- d) The article says there are rewards for studying for half-an-hour a day. T / F
- e) The article says we must treat other with love and respect in 2019. T / F
- f) The article says we should focus on learning English and not hobbies. T / F
- g) Reporters say we should buy a new belt and keep it loose. T / F
- h) Reporters said we should enjoy what we eat, even if it is fast food. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. depressing | a. sufficient |
| 2. particularly | b. encourage |
| 3. ample | c. get |
| 4. exploit | d. survive |
| 5. reap | e. gloomy |
| 6. prove | f. shine |
| 7. deeds | g. utilize |
| 8. excel | h. especially |
| 9. weather | i. turn out |
| 10. urge | j. actions |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What will you do to love and respect people more this year?
- c) What good deeds do you plan to do in 2019?
- d) What new hobbies would you like to start?
- e) Will 2019 be a good year for you financially?
- f) How will you take better care of yourself?
- g) What New Year's resolutions do you have?
- h) What questions would you like to ask someone from the year 2020?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Despite all the bad and | a. be the best year ever |
| 2. news | b. year for students |
| 3. a particularly good | c. are aligning |
| 4. the year will provide ample | d. developing vocabulary |
| 5. reap great rewards in | e. of ourselves |
| 6. 2019 will prove to | f. with love and respect |
| 7. treat each other | g. often depressing news |
| 8. the stars in the sky | h. to tighten our belts |
| 9. Financially, we all need | i. opportunities |
| 10. take better care | j. feeds |

Discussion – Student B

- Was 2018 a good or bad year?
- What were the big news stories around the world in 2018?
- What will the big news stories be in 2019?
- What were the big news stories in your country in 2018?
- What plans do you have for your English in 2019?
- What are your favourite websites for studying English?
- Is 30 minutes a day enough to improve your English?
- What do you think of the Breaking News English website?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. i	7. j	8. f	9. d	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Making New Friends

You think making friends is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): watching movies, reading news or studying vocabulary.

Role B – Watching Movies

You think watching movies is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): making friends, reading news or studying vocabulary.

Role C – Reading News

You think reading news is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): watching movies, making friends or studying vocabulary.

Role D – Studying Vocabulary

You think studying vocabulary is the best way of improving your English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): watching movies, reading news or making friends.

Speaking – English

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to do to improve your English at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • read news | • new friends |
| • practice writing | • watch movies |
| • speaking circles | • read more books |
| • speak to yourself | • study vocabulary |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.