

## New Year's resolutions

Learn how to write about your New Year's resolutions.

### Preparation

Match the words with the definitions.

in public	a promise to yourself to do something
to track something	in a place where people can see it
savings	to record and pay attention to something
to invest in something	to plan to do something
a resolution	to put money into something that will increase in value over time
to aim to do something	money you keep in the bank for the future

### Reading Text

My New Year's resolutions  
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I like to start every year with my New Year's resolutions. Then I read them next 1 January and see how well I did!

Here are my resolutions this year.

#### 1. Get fit!!

I say this every year but I hope writing it in public will make it more real. I'm aiming for three runs a week – I think I can do it! I think a fitness tracking app might help me achieve it. Or I could find a running partner. If anyone who's reading this wants to be my partner, let me know!

#### 2. Save 10 per cent of my salary a month

Having no savings is starting to worry me and 10 per cent is realistic. It's not too much, but it's not too little that I won't see it add up. I'll put the money into a special bank account that will make it grow ... Actually, I don't know much about that so maybe my next resolution should be to find out how to invest money!!

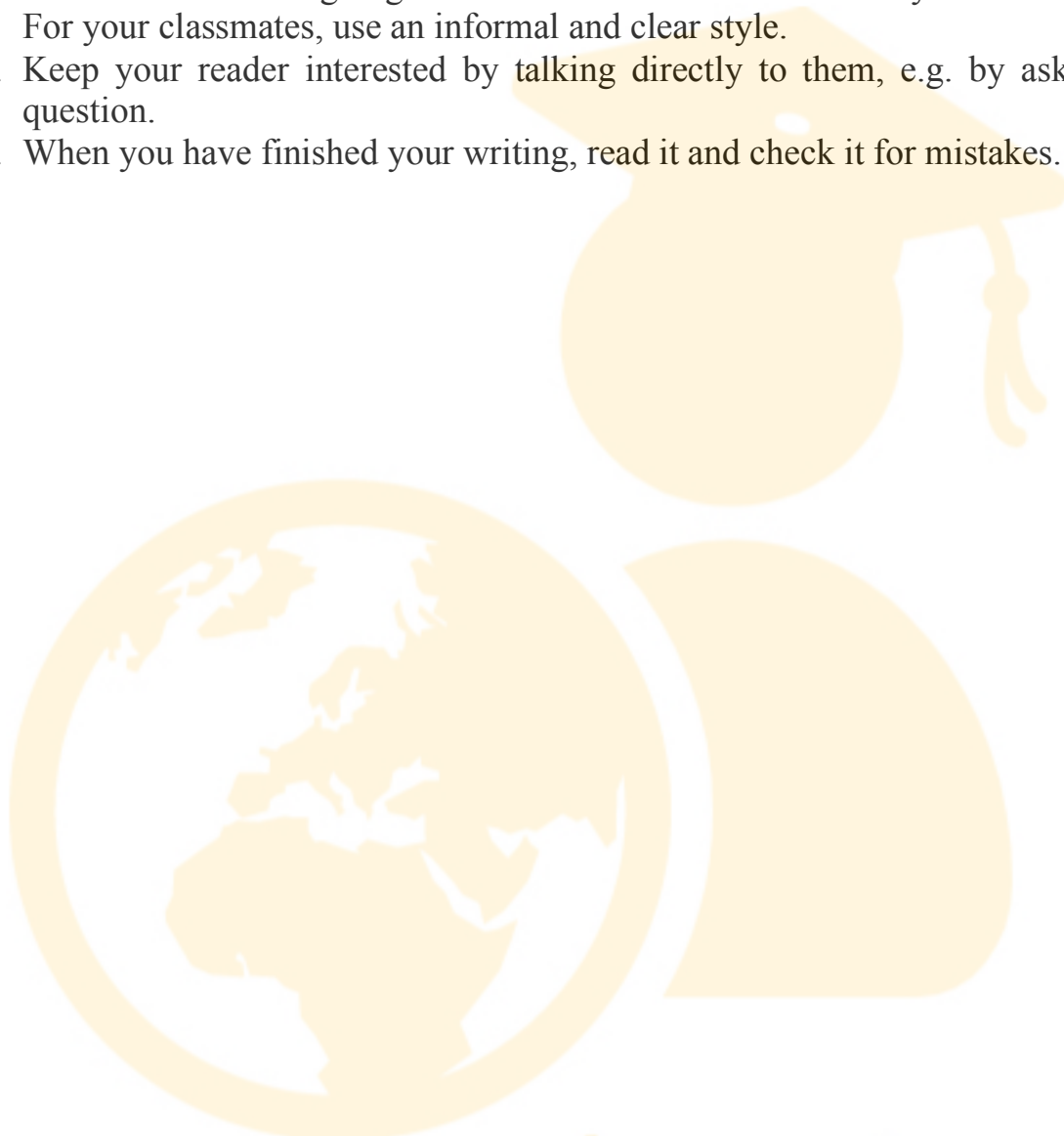
#### 3. Cook more

I'd like to start inviting friends for dinner and cooking for them. I think once a month is a good plan. By the end of the year I want to have five dishes I can cook really well so people will say, 'Have you ever had Darren's delicious cooking?' Who wants to be my first guest?

### Tips

1. Before you start a writing task, make a plan. First, write down lots of ideas you could include. Then choose the best and most interesting ones.

2. Don't write all your ideas in one section. Make one section for each idea. Write a heading for each section to show the reader what it's about.
3. Think about who is going to read the text and choose the style accordingly. For your classmates, use an informal and clear style.
4. Keep your reader interested by talking directly to them, e.g. by asking a question.
5. When you have finished your writing, read it and check it for mistakes.



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