

READING EXERCISE (based on *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 3/4*
by Sue Townsend)

ADRIAN'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Match the verbs on the left column with a corresponding noun on the right.

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| 2. Tidy | a. Hair |
| 3. Clean | b. Homework. |
| 4. Save | c. Housework. |
| 5. Finish | d. Vocabulary. |
| 6. Help | e. Vegetables. |
| 7. Eat | f. Money. |
| 8. Learn | g. Dishes. |
| 9. Brush | h. Bedroom. |

2. Complete the text with the words in the box below.

<i>hang</i>	<i>stop</i>	<i>without</i>	<i>hard</i>	<i>get</i>	<i>smoking</i>	<i>character</i>	<i>learn</i>
<i>rude</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>kind</i>	<i>nearly</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>roads</i>	<i>after</i>	<i>squeezing</i>

New Year Resolutions

Read Adrian's New Year resolutions. He is 1..... fourteen and is the main
2..... of the book *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole* which was written
3..... Sue Townsend.

" These are my New Year resolutions.

- I will not start 4.....
- I will try to be more 5..... to the dog.
- I will stop 6..... the spots on my face.
- I will help blind people to cross the 7.....
- I will 8..... my trousers up.
- I will 9..... faithful to Pandora.
- I will not read 10..... or unsuitable books.
- I will study 11 for my O levels, and 12..... Grade "A"s.
- I will clean the bath 13..... I use it.
- I will 14..... worrying about the size of my " thing ".
- I will do my back-stretching exercises every night 15..... fail."
- I will 16 a new word and use it every day.

3. Say if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE. Justify your answer.

- a. He always treats his dog kindly and properly.
- b. He didn't use to smoke.
- c. He is still thirteen years old now.
- d. He is quite untidy.
- e. He only goes out with his girlfriend Pandora.

4. Once you have read about Adrian's New Year resolutions, work in pairs and write at least five resolutions for the New Year.

You can think about :

- doing well at school
- being good to your friends family.