

Looking into the Future

Expressions and words

- To set oneself goals/aims/objectives – ставить перед собой цели
- To reach/achieve certain results/goals/aims – достичь целей
- To be satisfied/dissatisfied, happy/unhappy, content/discontented, pleased/displeased with smth – быть довольным/недовольным чем-либо
- To result in smth – вылиться в, окончиться чем-либо, привести к чему-либо
- To lead to smth – привести к чему-либо
- To work hard on smth – усердно работать над ч-л, работать не покладая рук
- To do one's best to do smth – изо всех сил стараться что-либо сделать
- To go out of one's way to do smth
- To let things slide/to slack smth/to scamp one's work – делать что-либо/работать спустя рукава
- To be shocked at smth – быть шокированным чем-либо
- To be amazed/surprised at smth – удивиться ч-л
- To be puzzled by smth – недоумевать по поводу чего-либо
- To be terrified by smth – быть напуганным чем-либо
- To be happy/glad/delighted about smth – радоваться чему-либо
- To be looking forward to smth/doing smth – с нетерпением ждать чего-либо
- To find smth delighting/pleasing – находить что-либо
 - unpleasant/painful - неприятным
 - odd - странным
 - surprising/amazing - удивительным
 - puzzling – сбивающим с толку
 - fair/unfair – справедливым/несправедливым
 - unexpected - неожиданным
 - quite ordinary – вполне обычным
 - extraordinary - необычным
 - awkward - неловким
 - memorable - запоминающимся
 - fortunate/unfortunate, favourable/unfavourable – удачным (благоприятным)/неудачным
- to seem/appear +adj (to smb) – казаться каким-либо (кому-либо)
- to describe smth as + adj – описать что-то как какое-либо
- to come on smb as a revelation – быть открытием для кого-либо
- to take smth for granted – принимать что-то, как само собой разумеющееся
- event/episode/occurrence/incident - случай

- experience – пережитый кем-либо случай
- accident – несчастный случай
- to make a difference to smb – быть значимым, важным для кого-то

Quotes and Sayings:

Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle. Eric Zorn

If you do not think about the future, you cannot have one. Galsworthy

Those who live to the future must always appear selfish to those who live to the present. Emerson.

Everything was for tomorrow, but tomorrow never came. Miller.

“Losers live in the past. Winners learn from the past and enjoy working in the present toward the future.”
Denis Waitley

For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. African saying

The future is not an inheritance, it is an opportunity and an obligation. Bill Clinton

He who controls the past controls the future. He who controls the present controls the past. GEORGE
ORWELL, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Questions for discussion

- What is your overall impression of the previous year?
- How can you evaluate the previous year for yourself? Has it been successful for you? Have you reached your objectives?

- Which episodes could you describe as surprising?
- Which events seem puzzling/fair/unfair to you?
- Which incidents/accidents were you terrified by? Has anything life changing happened?
- Have you taken up any new hobbies/courses etc in the outgoing year? Which of your endeavors would you like to go on with in the year to come?
- Which of your experiences could you describe as the most memorable?
- What are your objectives for the future?
- What would you like to change in your life? What mistakes will you try to escape?
- Have you ever wanted to take a new direction in life? What did you do?
- Are you up to some big changes in your life in the future?
- Can we change our future? How hard is it?
- What part do parents play in lives of their children? How do they affect their future? Do they have the right to decide what is best for their children and prepare “an ideal life” for them?