

English Precis and Composition.

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Q3 Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?

1) The author explains that our failure in self-improvement is primarily due to overly ambitious plans, lack of persistence and announcing resolutions to everyone. The goals set by people are too ambitious and they don't have time to carry them out which leads to frustration when they cannot fulfill them. Also, people give up on their resolutions if they face minor setbacks or they don't have enthusiasm to carry them out. Lastly, the author highlights the error of announcing resolutions to everyone because by doing this there is a social pressure on them to carry it out. However, if they fail, they make a mockery of themselves leading to abandonment of their goals.

2) Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?

Announcing resolutions to everybody is unfavourable because of fear of judgement. If a person is unsuccessful to keep up with their resolutions they appear foolish in front of others. Another reason is pleasing others rather than focusing on personal goals because of added pressure and external expectations. Some people may even feel a premature sense of accomplishment, which reduces the motivation to work towards it.

3) Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day?

The writer frankly admits that he attended an overnight party on New Year's eve, which provided him an excuse to postpone his resolutions and carry them out on 2nd day of New Year.

He also ~~justified~~ provided justifications for delaying and postponing his reading and exercise plans. This shows that ~~delaying~~ ~~resolutions~~ distractions and making excuses often thwart resolutions even before they begin.

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Title: The Role of Affection in Teaching

- Contemporary education experts often concentrate on avoiding interference in children's lives but often overlook the value of enjoying their company. Genuine affection, free from ulterior motives or power impulses, allow adults to guide children without causing resentment or harm. Such natural liking for children is rare among overworked ~~childrens~~ teachers, who may struggle to remain affectionate due to fatigue. Constant interaction with children is mentally draining therefore education should ideally be part-time for those not passionate about it. Ultimately, discipline and rules are no substitute for sincere affection, which are essential for effective teaching.