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### Questions:

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

Ans Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out.

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

Ans It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody because if we do not fulfill all the plans we announce, we will appear even more foolish.



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

Ans The writer did not carry out his resolution on new Year's Day because he used the overnight party as a convenient excuse for not following through with his plans. He made an effort to stick to his plans/resolutions starting from the next day.

4. Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following.

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(a) Intimidating → formidable list  
These both refers to "fear or anxiety"

(b) Peril → pitfalls.

They both refers "to unexpected danger"

(c) dwindle → diminished.

They both refers to reduction in size

(d) barb → jibe.

They both refer to mocking