

# ***New Year's Resolutions***

## **I WILL NOT**

- Drink more than fourteen alcohol units a week.
- Smoke.
- Waste money on: pasta-makers, ice-cream machines or other culinary devices which will never use; books by unreadable literary authors to put impressively on shelves; exotic underwear, since pointless as have no boyfriend.
- Behave slutishly around the house, but instead imagine others are watching.
- Spend more than earn.
- 10 Allow in-tray rage out of control.
- Fall for any of the following: alcoholics, workaholics, commitment phobics, people with girlfriends or wives, misogynists, megalomaniacs, chauvinists, emotional fuckwits or freeloaders, perverts.
- Get annoyed with Mum, Una Alconbury or Perpetua.
- 15 Get upset over men, but instead be poised and cool ice-queen.
- Have crushes on men, but instead form relationships based on mature assessment of character.
- Bitch about anyone behind their backs, but be positive about everyone.
- 20 Obsess about Daniel Cleaver as pathetic to have a crush on boss in manner of Miss Money Penny or similar.
- Sulk about having no boyfriend, but develop inner poise and authority and sense of self as woman of substance, complete *without* boyfriend, as best way to obtain boyfriend.

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## **I WILL**

- Stop smoking.
- Drink no more than fourteen alcohol units a week.
- Reduce circumference of thighs by 3 inches<sup>1</sup> (i.e. 1½ inches each), using anti-cellulite diet.
- 5 Purge flat of all extraneous matter.
- Give all clothes which have not worn for two years or more to homeless.
- Improve career and find new job with potential.
- Save up money in form of savings. Poss start pension also.
- 10 Be more confident.
- Be more assertive.
- Make better use of time.
- Not go out every night but stay in and read books and listen to classical music.
- 15 Give proportion of earnings to charity.
- Be kinder and help others more.
- Eat more pulses.
- Get up straight away when wake up in mornings.
- Go to gym three times a week not merely to buy sandwich.
- 20 Put photographs in photograph albums.
- Make up a compilation 'mood' tapes so can have tapes ready with all favourite romantic/dancing/rousing/feminist etc. tracks assembled instead of turning into drink-sodden DJ-style person with tapes scattered all over the floor.
- 25 Form functional relationship with responsible adult.
- Learn to programme video.

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*Bridget Jones's Diary* – Helen FIELDING

<sup>1</sup> one inch ≈ 2,5 cm

## ***Bridget Jones's Diary – New Year's Resolutions***

### **I- Vocabulary:**

Find in the text the equivalents of the following words (in the order of the text):

*I WILL NOT*

Gaspiller: \_\_\_\_\_

Robots ménagers: \_\_\_\_\_

Inutile : \_\_\_\_\_

Comme une souillon : \_\_\_\_\_

Le courrier : \_\_\_\_\_

Calme : \_\_\_\_\_

Avoir le béguin pour : \_\_\_\_\_

Estimation : \_\_\_\_\_

Dire du mal de quelqu'un (dans son dos): \_\_\_\_\_

Se morfondre : \_\_\_\_\_

*I WILL*

Cuisses : \_\_\_\_\_

Superflu : \_\_\_\_\_

Economiser : \_\_\_\_\_

Pension de retraite : \_\_\_\_\_

Confiante : \_\_\_\_\_

Assurée : \_\_\_\_\_

Revenus : \_\_\_\_\_

Légumes secs : \_\_\_\_\_

Entraînante : \_\_\_\_\_

Eparpillées : \_\_\_\_\_

**II – Classify her resolutions in at least 3 categories and illustrate each category with some quotations:**



### **III – Translation:**

I WILL NOT: l.1 to 10

I WILL: l.1 to 26