

Right or wrong? Correct the false statements in French:

- a. Matthew suce son pouce depuis qu'il est né.
- b. Matthew va se faire amputer le pouce.
- c. Karine n'a presque pas de défauts !
- d. Jon a pas mal de boutons.
- e. Jon partagera plus ses chiques avec son frère.
- f. Ça énerve Carl de recevoir tant de lettres de ses correspondants.
- g. Il va arrêter d'écrire à deux de ses correspondants.
- h. Annie est toujours très agréable avec sa maman.
- i. Sally est l'inverse d'Annie : elle travaille trop.
- j. Patrick aimerait faire plus d'activités avec ses parents.
- k. Il va les aider dans le ménage pour gagner un peu d'argent de poche.
- l. James a dépensé en un mois l'argent que ses parents lui avaient donné pour 3 mois !
- m. Jacqui se trouve trop grosse.
- n. Alan joue trop souvent au volley.

Translate the following sentences from the text.

- a. Je vais arrêter de sucer mon pouce.
- b. J'essayerai d'arrêter de manger des sucreries.
- c. Je vais essayer de faire ça.
- d. J'essayerai d'être plus gentille avec maman, aussi.
- e. Je verrai plus mes amis et je jouerai au volleyball à la place.

Vocabulary

de temps en temps	_____	prendre la résolution de faire qqch
le 1 ^{er} janvier	to make a decision	_____
le correspondant	the bad habit	la mauvaise habitude
les friandises	a habit which I have had since I was one	_____
nom dénombrable	to suck one's (my, your...)	sucer son pouce
nom indénombrable	thumb	_____
prendre une décision	the first of January	_____
sauf, excepté	well...	bon, eh bien
to make the resolution	except	_____
to do sth	to lie	mentir
une mauvaise habitude	from time to time	_____
que j'ai depuis que j'ai	too many	trop (+ _____)
1 an	≠ too much	≠ trop (+ _____)
	the sweets	_____
	the spot	le bouton
	the penfriend	_____
	to reply (to a letter)	répondre (à une lettre)
	as soon as	dès que

assez

by (October)

gros

je n'avais plus d'argent

mince

the weekend

the weight

to complain

to receive a letter

to spend time

travailler trop (dur)

enough

to be nice to sb

→ nicer

mom = mum

to work too hard

to relax

to do fun things

together

to play games

the housework

to budget

the allowance

I had no money left

careful

to worry (about sth)

fat > < slim

from January

instead of

recevoir une lettre

être gentil avec qqn

plus gentil

maman

se détendre

se plaindre

faire des choses amusantes

ensemble

le weekend

jouer à des jeux

le ménage

passer du temps

budgétiser

l'argent de poche

(d'ici à), en octobre

attentif

se tracasser (pour qqch)

le poids

à partir de janvier

au lieu de, à la place de

New Year's Resolutions

New Year is a good time to make resolutions, decisions and promises about your life. We asked young people what bad habits they wanted to change for the new year.

Matthew: I have a bad habit which I have had since I was one, which is sucking my thumb. So, this first of January I'm going to have a thumb amputation... No, seriously, I'm going to stop sucking my thumb.

Patrick: I'm always complaining to my parents that we don't do fun things together at the weekend, like play games or visit places. This year, my resolution is to help with the housework so that they have more time to spend with my mother and me.

Annie: My bad habit is that I don't work enough for school, so next year I'm going to try to do that. And I'll try to be nicer to my mom too.

James: My bad habit is that I can't budget. In September, my parents gave me a three-month allowance to buy my clothes. By October, I had no money left. So my resolution is to be more careful with my money this year.

Karine: Well, I don't really have a bad habit, except lying from time to time. I think I'm going to try to stop next New Year.

Sally: My bad habit is I work too hard. My resolution is to relax more this year.

Jon: I eat too many sweets and chocolate. I know they give me spots. So, on the first of January, I'll try to stop eating sweet things and eat more fruit and salad.

Carl: I love receiving letters from my penfriends but I often forget to reply. Last year, two of them stopped writing. So my New Year's resolution is to reply to letters as soon as I get them.

Jacqui: I worry about my weight too much. My resolution is to stop thinking I'm fat.

Alan: My bad habit is that I watch too much TV. So from January I will see my friends more and play volleyball regularly instead.