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The Resolution Revolution

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Embracing the journey and putting in effort when working towards personal goals and resolutions are essential because they provide individuals with a sense of accomplishment, personal growth, and the ability to appreciate the value of their achievements. In the story, the futuristic world demonstrated that instant gratification could lead to skill without substance. By valuing effort and perseverance, individuals can savor the journey, learn from setbacks, and develop resilience, ultimately making their achievements more meaningful and fulfilling.
2. (This response will vary depending on the individual's chosen New Year's Resolutions and how they would use Resolution Pods. It may include personal aspirations, such as learning to play a musical instrument, and a plan to continue practicing and improving despite the instant fulfillment.)
3. One personal experience could be learning to ride a bicycle. Initially, it might have been challenging and required effort and practice. However, as skills improved, there was a sense of accomplishment, independence, and the ability to enjoy bike rides. This experience taught the importance of perseverance and effort in achieving personal goals.
4. Technology, like Resolution Pods, can be a helpful tool in facilitating the achievement of personal goals and resolutions. However, it should not replace the value of personal effort and dedication. Balancing technology with personal commitment ensures that individuals not only reach their goals but also gain the satisfaction of hard-earned success and personal growth. The story highlights the potential dangers of relying solely on technology for instant gratification while emphasizing the importance of maintaining a sense of effort and achievement in one's journey towards self-improvement.

