

All About

NEW YEARS EVE

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Countdown to Midnight

Every year, people _____ to _____ly await the arrival of New Year's Eve. _____ one year and the _____ closer to midnight. Friends gather to _____ the final seconds of _____ On New Year's Eve, families gather _____ the end of one year and the beginning of the next. A tradition they often follow is taking a _____ tree. This tree, decorated with _____

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New Year's Eve

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Resolutions

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Around the world

Around the world, people celebrate New Year's Day in many different ways. In Japan, families ring bells 108 times to ring out the last year's sins. In Spain, people dance, a tradition that has become an example of how to celebrate the new year.

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New Year's Traditions

Every year, people all around the world celebrate New Year's Eve in different ways. At midnight, while others have parties with family and friends, one popular tradition is to count down the last seconds of the old year. In many cultures, the new year begins. People also make promises to do something better in the new year. These traditions help us welcome the new year.

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Cultural Practices

Every country celebrates the New Year in its unique way. In China, people clean their houses and put up red decorations for good luck. They also set off fireworks to scare away evil spirits. In Scotland, they have a special tradition called "first footing," where the first person to enter a house after midnight brings gifts for luck. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, one for each stroke of the clock. In many cultures, the new year begins with a cleansing of _____

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Countdown to Midnight

Every year, people around the world eagerly await the arrival of New Year's Eve. This special night marks the end of one year and the beginning of another. As the clock inches closer to midnight, excitement fills the air. Friends gather together to celebrate the final seconds of the old year. At the stroke of midnight, colorful fireworks light up the sky, and the bells of New Year's fill the streets. It's a magical moment as people gather together in joy and anticipation.

1. What happens when the clock strikes midnight?

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2. How do people celebrate New Year's Eve?

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New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, families gather together to celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another. Many traditions often follow is taking down their Christmas tree, decorated with shiny ornaments and lights, has been a symbol of joy during the winter season. As they carefully remove each ornament and string of tinsel, they reflect on the memories made over the past year. Some families may even save the tree to use as a decoration for the next year.

3. Why do people take down their Christmas tree on New Year's Eve?

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1. What do people in China do to celebrate the New Year?

2. What is the tradition called in Scotland where the first person to enter a house after midnight brings gifts for good luck?

3. How many grapes do people in Spain eat at midnight, and what is the significance of this tradition?

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Resolutions

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2. What is a resolution?

3. Give an example of a common resolution people make on New Year's Eve?

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