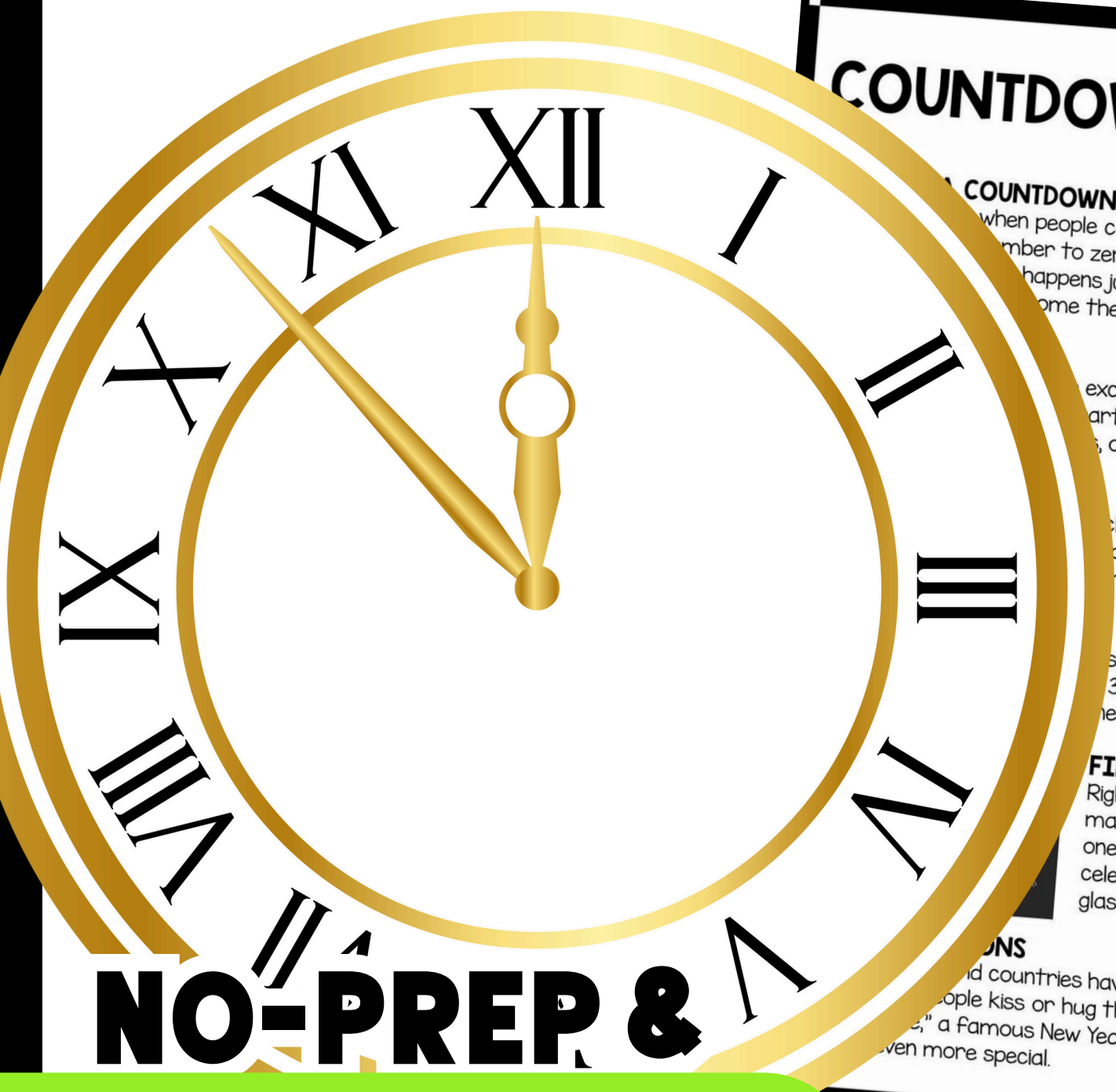


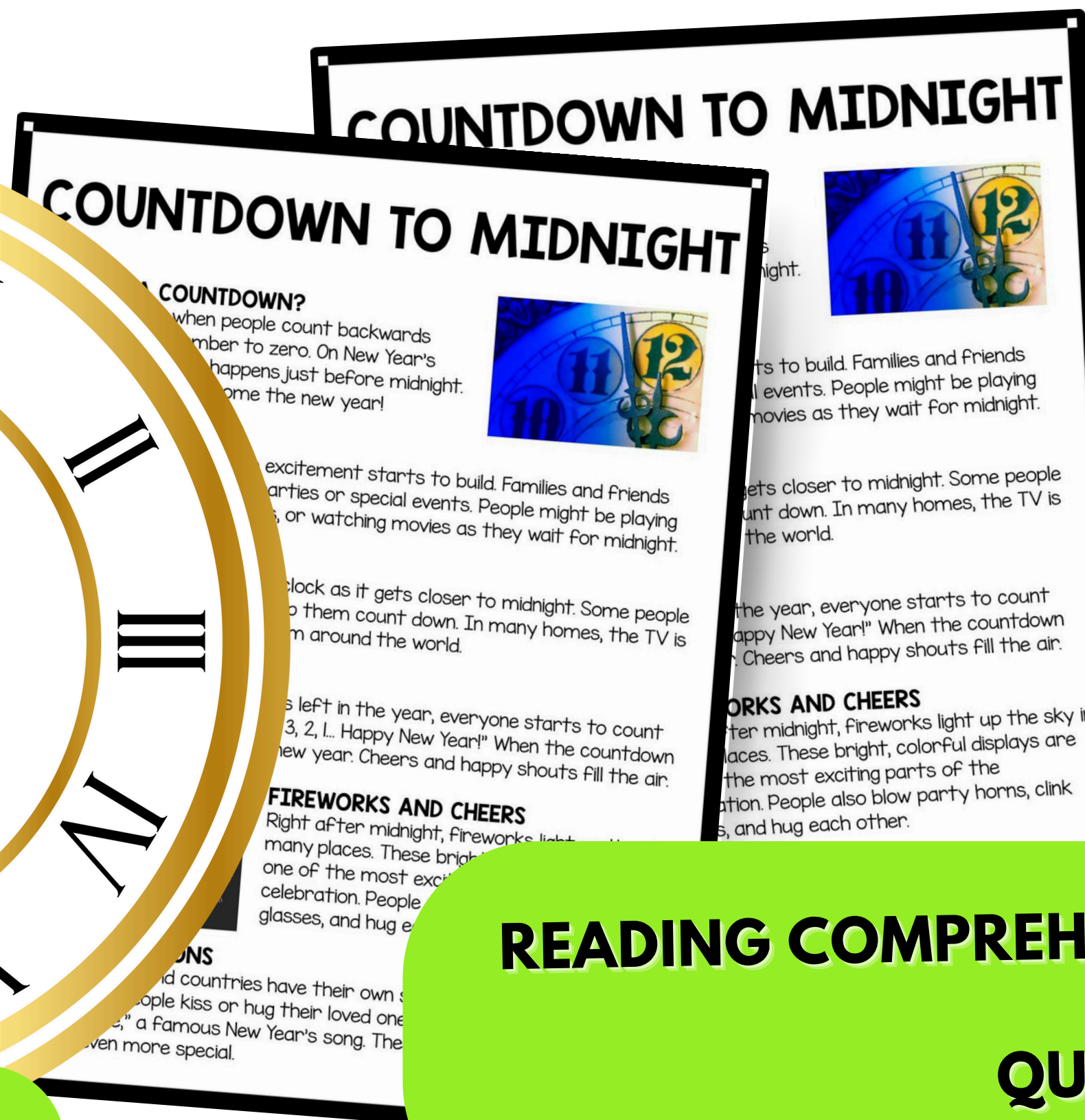
New years Eve

# COUNTDOWN

## READING COMPREHENSION



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QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY**



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## COUNTDOWN TO MIDNIGHT

### WHAT IS A COUNTDOWN?

A countdown is when people count backwards from a certain number to zero. On New Year's Eve, this countdown happens just before midnight. It's a fun way to welcome the new year!



### EXCITEMENT BUILDS

As the evening goes on, the excitement starts to build. Families and friends gather together, often at parties or special events. People might be playing games, eating yummy snacks, or watching movies as they wait for midnight.

### WATCHING THE CLOCK

Everyone keeps an eye on the clock as it gets closer to midnight. Some people have big clocks or timers to help them count down. In many homes, the TV is on, showing live celebrations from around the world.

### THE BIG MOMENTS

When there are only ten seconds left in the year, everyone starts to count down together: "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Happy New Year!" When the countdown reaches zero, it's officially the new year. Cheers and happy shouts fill the air.



### FIREWORKS AND CHEERS

Right after midnight, fireworks light up the sky in many places. These bright, colorful displays are one of the most exciting parts of the celebration. People also blow party horns, clink glasses, and hug each other.

### SPECIAL TRADITIONS

Different families and countries have their own special traditions for this moment. Some people kiss or hug their loved ones. Others might sing songs like "Auld Lang Syne," a famous New Year's song. These traditions make the countdown even more special.

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### MAKING WISHES

At midnight, many people make wishes for the new year. They hope for good health, happiness, and success. It's a time to think about the future and all the good things that might happen.

### WATCHING THE BALL DROP

One of the most famous countdowns happens in New York City at Times Square. A big, shiny ball slowly drops down a pole as everyone counts down the last seconds. Millions of people watch this event on TV. It's a tradition that many people look forward to every year.



### A FRESH START

The countdown to midnight is not just about saying goodbye to the old year. It's also about welcoming a new start. People feel hopeful and excited about what the new year will bring. It's a moment filled with joy and new possibilities.

### GLOBAL CELEBRATION

People all around the world celebrate the countdown to midnight. Whether they are in big cities or small towns, everyone shares in the joy of welcoming the new year. It's a special time that brings people together, no matter where they are.

## READING COMPREHENSION

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# COUNTDOWN TO MIDNIGHT

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

## 1. What is a countdown?

- a) Counting forward
- b) Counting backwards
- c) Counting numbers
- d) Counting days

## 2. When does the New Year's Eve countdown happen?

- a) Just before noon
- b) Just before midnight
- c) In the morning
- d) In the afternoon

## 3. What do people do as the evening goes on during New Year's Eve?

- a) Go to bed early
- b) Gather together and have parties
- c) Go to work
- d) Clean the house

## 4. What do people watch as they wait for midnight on New Year's Eve?

- a) TV shows
- b) Live celebrations from around the world
- c) Cartoons
- d) Sports games

## 5. What happens when there are only ten seconds left in the year?

- a) Everyone goes to sleep
- b) Everyone starts to count down together
- c) Everyone starts singing
- d) Everyone stops talking

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is a countdown?
2. What happens when there are only ten seconds left in the year?
3. What do people do right after midnight?
4. Where does a famous countdown happen?
5. How do people feel during the countdown?

## 6. What is one of the most exciting celebration right after midnight?

- a) Eating dinner
- b) Watching fireworks
- c) Going to school
- d) Reading books

## 7. What song do some people sing during the countdown?

- a) Jingle Bells
- b) Happy Birthday
- c) Auld Lang Syne
- d) Silent Night

## 8. What do many people do at midnight on New Year's Eve?

- a) Make wishes for the new year
- b) Go shopping
- c) Start cooking
- d) Go for a walk

## 9. Where does a famous countdown with a big ball happen?

- a) Los Angeles
- b) Chicago
- c) New York City
- d) Miami

## 10. What do people feel during the countdown to midnight?

- a) Sad and lonely
- b) Hopeful and excited
- c) Nervous and set
- d) Tired and sad

# ANSWER KEY

## MCQS

1. b) Counting backwards
2. b) Just before midnight
3. b) Gather together and have parties
4. b) Live celebrations from around the world
5. b) Everyone starts to count down together
6. b) Watching fireworks
7. c) Auld Lang Syne
8. a) Make wishes for the new year
9. c) New York City
10. b) Hopeful and excited

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. A countdown is when people count backwards from a certain number to zero.
2. When there are only ten seconds left in the year, everyone starts to count down together.
3. Right after midnight on New Year's Eve, people watch fireworks, blow party horns, clink glasses, and hug each other.
4. A famous countdown with a big, shiny ball happens in New York City at Times Square.
5. During the countdown to midnight, people feel hopeful and excited about what the new year will bring.

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

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QUESTIONS