

# New years Traditions

## AROUND THE WORLD

### READING COMPREHENSION



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ANSWER KEY**

# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE

On New Year's Eve, people gather with their friends and families to say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new one. They often have parties, fireworks, and special meals.

### FIREWORKS

In many countries, fireworks light up the sky at midnight on New Year's Eve. People watch in awe as colorful bursts of light fill the darkness, symbolizing the start of a new beginning.



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### LUNAR NEW YEAR

In some countries, like China and Vietnam, the Lunar New Year is celebrated. This holiday falls on a different date each year, usually between January and February, and is marked by colorful parades, dragon dances, and delicious food.

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### MIDNIGHT KISS

In many Western countries, it's a tradition to share a kiss with someone special at midnight on New Year's Eve. It's believed to bring good luck and happiness for the year ahead.

### FIRST-FOOTING

In Scotland, there's a tradition called "first-footing." The first person to enter a home after midnight on New Year's Eve is called the "first-footer" and is believed to bring good fortune for the coming year. They often bring gifts like whiskey, shortbread, or coal.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY FEAST

On New Year's Day, families often gather for a special meal to celebrate the start of the new year. Foods like black-eyed peas, greens, and pork are considered lucky in some cultures and are eaten to bring prosperity and good luck.



### CONCLUSION

New Year's Day is a time of celebration, reflection, and hope for the future. Whether it's watching fireworks, making resolutions, or sharing a special meal with loved ones, people around the world come together to welcome the new year in their own unique way.

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DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What do people often do on New Year's Eve to say goodbye to the old year?

- a) Have parties
- b) Sleep early
- c) Watch TV
- d) Clean the house

2. What lights up the sky in many countries at midnight on New Year's Eve?

- a) Lanterns
- b) Streetlights
- c) Fireworks
- d) Stars

3. Where is one of the most famous New Year's Eve celebrations held?

- a) London
- b) Paris
- c) Tokyo
- d) New York City

4. What do people often make for the new year to improve themselves?

- a) Resolutions
- b) Complaints
- c) Excuses
- d) Promises

5. In which countries is the Lunar New Year celebrated?

- a) USA and Canada
- b) China and Vietnam
- c) Germany and Spain
- d) Brazil and Argentina

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What do people often do on New Year's Eve?
2. Where is one of the most famous New Year's Eve celebrations held?
3. What is a common tradition for welcoming the new year in Western countries?
4. What do people often make at midnight to improve themselves?
5. What kind of food is considered lucky to eat on New Year's Day in some cultures?

6. What is the tradition called when you kiss someone at midnight on New Year's Eve?

- a) Midnight Hug
- b) Midnight Kiss
- c) Midnight Dance
- d) Midnight Wishes

7. What is the first person to enter a house at midnight on New Year's Eve called?

- a) First-Hand
- b) First-Feeter
- c) First-Footer
- d) First-Stepper

8. What kind of food is considered lucky to eat on New Year's Day in some cultures?

- a) Pizza
- b) Sushi
- c) Black-eyed peas
- d) Ice cream

9. What is the purpose of the New Year's resolutions?

- a) To sleep
- b) To celebrate
- c) To clean the house
- d) To watch TV

10. What is the overall theme of New Year's celebrations around the world?

- a) Sadness
- b) Reflection
- c) Celebration

## ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. a) Have parties
2. c) Fireworks
3. d) New York City
4. a) Resolutions
5. b) China and Vietnam
6. b) Midnight Kiss
7. c) First-Footer
8. c) Black-eyed peas
9. b) To celebrate
10. c) Celebration

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. On New Year's Eve, people often gather with their friends and families to have parties, fireworks, and special meals.
2. One of the most famous New Year's Eve celebrations is held in New York City, specifically in Times Square.
3. A common tradition for welcoming the new year in Western countries is sharing a kiss with someone special at midnight.
4. People often make resolutions or goals for the coming year to improve themselves.
5. Foods like black-eyed peas, greens, and pork are considered lucky to eat on New Year's Day in some cultures.

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