



NEW YEAR

A Few New Year's Traditions From Around the World

- 1. In Brazil it's summer, so immediately after midnight, you're supposed to jump seven waves while making seven wishes.*
- 2. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes, one for each strike of the clock.*
- 3. In India, they build a sculpture of an old man and burn it down.
(= burn your old problems and make way for a new year)*
- 4. In the Philippines, they serve 12 round fruits (apples, grapes, etc), because the shape is round, like a coin (= a good, wealthy life).*

1. It's New Year. What are you looking forward to this year?
2. What two things would you like to see or do this year?
3. What happens in your country when the clock strikes twelve?
4. Do you like to stay up late on New Year's Eve? Is it a fun time for you?
5. What do people in your family do on New Year's Day?
6. What are you and your family planning to do this year?
7. Have you ever made a New Year's resolution? If yes, what was it? Were you successful?
8. What are common New Year foods where you live?
9. Is there anything special that you want to get yourself this year? (New laptop, fancy holiday, iPhone 27, Tesla, etc.)
10. Was last year a good year for you? In what way or why not?



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True or False?

1. Going downtown on New Year's Eve is fun.
2. New Year's resolutions are only for old people.
3. Celebrating New Year in a foreign country is interesting.
4. New Year's resolutions never last longer than a week or two.
5. Beginning a new year is like starting a new chapter in life.
6. It is better to spend New Year's Eve with family rather than friends.
7. Employees should automatically get a 15% increase every January.
8. Fireworks should be banned in all countries, except government-controlled fireworks displays.