

# New Year's Around the World

## Trivia Quiz



Test your knowledge of New Year's traditions from around the globe!



**1** In Spain, what do people eat at midnight for good luck?

- A) 12 grapes
- B) 12 chocolates
- C) 12 olives
- D) 12 almonds

**2** What color underwear do some Latin Americans wear on New Year's Eve for love?

- A) White
- B) Red
- C) Yellow
- D) Pink

**3** In Denmark, people throw what at their friends' doors for good luck?

- A) Flowers
- B) Coins
- C) Dishes/plates
- D) Confetti

**4** What year did the Times Square New Year's Eve ball first drop?

- A) 1907
- B) 1920
- C) 1901
- D) 1950

**5** In Japan, what do Buddhist temples ring 108 times at midnight?

- A) Drums
- B) Bells
- C) Gongs
- D) Chimes

**6** Which country celebrates New Year's by jumping off chairs at midnight?

- A) Ireland
- B) Scotland
- C) Denmark
- D) Finland

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**In Scotland, what is the name of their New Year's Eve celebration?**

- A) Hogmanay
- B) Beltane
- C) Samhain
- D) Imbolc

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**What is traditionally sung at midnight on New Year's Eve?**

- A) Happy Birthday
- B) Auld Lang Syne
- C) God Save the Queen
- D) Amazing Grace

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**In the Philippines, what do people wear for prosperity in the new year?**

- A) Gold jewelry
- B) Red hats
- C) Polka dots
- D) Striped clothing

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**How heavy is the Times Square New Year's Eve ball?**

- A) 2,688 pounds
- B) 5,000 pounds
- C) 11,875 pounds
- D) 8,500 pounds

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**In Brazil, what color do people wear on the beach for peace?**

- A) Blue
- B) White
- C) Yellow
- D) Green

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**Which culture celebrates New Year's by smashing pomegranates?**

- A) Turkish
- B) Indian
- C) Greek
- D) Mexican

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**What do people in Ecuador burn at midnight to represent the old year?**

- A) Old newspapers
- B) Effigies/scarecrows
- C) Letters
- D) Old clothes

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**In which country do people carry empty suitcases around the block for travel luck?**

- A) Peru
- B) Colombia
- C) Chile
- D) Argentina

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**What is the Chinese New Year also known as?**

- A) Dragon Festival
- B) Spring Festival
- C) Lantern Festival
- D) Moon Festival

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**In Estonia, people eat how many meals on New Year's Day for strength?**

- A) 3 meals
- B) 5 meals
- C) 7 meals
- D) 9 meals

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**What do Russians write wishes on and burn at midnight?**

- A) Paper strips
- B) Tree branches
- C) Candles
- D) Ribbons

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**How many Waterford Crystal triangles are on the Times Square ball?**

- A) 1,500
- B) 2,688
- C) 3,200
- D) 4,000



# Answer Key



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1. Answer: A

3. Answer: C

5. Answer: B

7. Answer: A

9. Answer: C

11. Answer: B

13. Answer: B

15. Answer: B

17. Answer: A

2. Answer: B

4. Answer: A

6. Answer: C

8. Answer: B

10. Answer: C

12. Answer: C

14. Answer: B

16. Answer: C

18. Answer: B

### ■ Fun Facts ■

- The Times Square ball weighs 11,875 pounds and is covered with 2,688 Waterford Crystal triangles!
- In Japan, eating buckwheat noodles on New Year's Eve symbolizes longevity.
- Approximately 1 million people gather in Times Square each New Year's Eve.
- The tradition of making New Year's resolutions dates back 4,000 years to ancient Babylon.