



# New Year



***Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.***

New Year's is one of the most celebrated holidays in the world. Every year, people from around the globe come together to celebrate the start of a new year and begin their resolutions for the next twelve months.

On New Year's Eve (December 31st), people throw parties and hold fireworks displays to welcome in the New Year. During these festivities, friends and families share a toast with champagne or sparkling cider, make resolutions, and tell each other their hopes for the coming year.

In some cultures, specific foods are eaten during the celebration of New Year's. For example, in Spain, they eat twelve grapes at midnight to bring good luck - one grape for each month of the new year! In Japan, temple bells are rung 108 times as part of a Buddhist tradition called Joya no Kane.

No matter how it is celebrated, New Year's is always an exciting time full of hope and possibility. As the clock strikes 12:00 am on January 1st, everyone cheers for the start of a new year and the opportunities that come with it.

1) What do people in Spain eat at midnight on New Year's eve?

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2) As part of a Buddhist tradition, how many times are temple bells rung when celebrating New Year?

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3) According to the text, what drinks do families and friends share a toast with?

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4) According to the text, what does everyone do as the clocks strike 12:00am on January 1st?

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5) According to the text, what do people do on New Year's eve?

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