

Unit 5 Festivals and Celebrations

New Year around the World



Thai New Year

How do we celebrate the Thai New Year?





New Year Celebrations in China

Celebrated in January or February, depending on the lunar (moon) calendar

China's New Year celebrations do not occur at the same time as Australia.

The date of Chinese New Year is based on a lunar (moon) calendar and takes place on the second new moon after the winter solstice.

Chinese New Year is a 15 day festival with many traditions.



Traditionally, Chinese New Year activities can include:

- cleaning the house to symbolise removing bad luck and making room to receive good luck
- putting up red decorations around the house to symbolise future success
- a reunion dinner with extended family on New Year's Eve with lucky dishes such as fish and dumplings
- · fireworks displays to ward off evil
- gift giving, in particular gifts of red envelopes containing money
- lion and dragon dances at festivals

Each Chinese year is associated with one of the 12 animal signs of the Chinese zodiac calendar.













New Year Celebrations in New Zealand

Celebrated on 31st December (New Year's Eve) and 1st January (New Year's Day)

Along with Kiribati and Christmas Island, New Zealand is among the first in the world to celebrate the new year.

Many of New Zealand's New Year celebrations are held outside under the sky and can go for several days.

Traditionally in New Zealand, it is a time to let go of all troubles and worries and set positive goals and resolutions for the future year ahead.

The traditional people of New Zealand are called Maori.
They celebrate their new year in June or July, depending on the lunar (moon) calendar, with food, dancing, music and stories.

New Zealand



New Zealand



1. What do they think of New Year celebrations in New Zealand?















2. What do Americans do on New Year's Day?



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New Year Celebrations in Scotland

Celebrated on 31st December (New Year's Eve) and 1st January (New Year's Day)

Scotland have one of the biggest New Year celebrations, known as Hogmanay. Hogmanay means the last day of the old year. Traditionally, it is celebrated with lots of food, dancing, gift giving and visiting family and friends. Many Hogmanay celebrations are held around Edinburgh Castle.

At midnight on New Year's Eve, people will cross their arms over their bodies and join hands with the people standing next to them to sing a special song called 'Auld Lang Syne'. This is an old Scottish song that is a way of saying 'days gone by'.



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In Scotland, an old tradition called first footing is practiced. It is believed that the first person who enters your home after midnight will bring all the luck for the coming year. This person is called the 'first-footer' and symbolises good luck bringing gifts of coal, bread, money or greenery.

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Scotland



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1. What does 'Hogmanay' mean?



Scotland



2. What do people in Scotland believe on New Year's Day?









1. Why do Germans call their New Year's Eve as Silvester?





2. How do Germans do for predicting the year ahead on New Year's Day?





New Year Celebrations in

Japan

Celebrated on 31st December (New Year's Eve) and 1st January (New Year's Day)

Ōmisoka is the Japanese term for New Year's Eve.

Japanese people complete a big clean up of their house in the lead up to New Year's Eve. It is believed that this will help you start the new year with a fresh mind.

Traditionally, it is not common to see fireworks at midnight, instead bells will play for about 1-2 hours as a Buddhist tradition. The bells are struck 108 times as it is a sacred number.

A shimekazari is a wreath made of straw rope, paper strips, bitter oranges and fern leaves. Japanese people will make these and hang them on their doors to ward off evil spirits.

Japan



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1. What do Japanese people call their New Year's Eve?



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สิ่งที่ต้องเตรียม

- 1. ใบความรู้ เรื่อง New Year's Wishes
- 2. ใบงานที่ 1 เรื่อง Write and say your own New Year'sWishes
- (สามารถดาวน์โหลดได้ที่ www.dltv.ac.th)





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