

ใบความรู้ที่ 37 เรื่อง New Year in Different Countries  
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**Direction:** Read the New Year celebrations of following countries and tell the class how people in each country celebrate New Year

1. In Bhaktapur, Nepal, the well-known New Year celebration, Sindoor Jatra is celebrated annually in the beginning of spring. Nepalese celebrate New Year by dancing, singing, playing traditional music instruments and throwing vermilion powder to each other until they get covered with the powder.

2. People in Denmark have very unique New Year celebrations, and one of them is “smashing plates.” While most countries host New Year parties to spend quality time with friends and family, in Denmark people are required to pick up their unwanted crockery and smash them against the front doors of their friend’s door. Their popularity will reflect on the heap on their doorstep.

3. The Chinese New Year is full of colorfulness and excitement. In China, you can join in many traditions of Chinese New Year. One particular tradition is handing out cash in red envelopes. Elders usually hand out various sums of money to the young people in red envelopes. Yet another tradition here is bursting firecrackers that burst aloud. It is believed that the sound and fire can ward off evil spirits.

#### **4. Russia**

During the days of the communist occupation, Russia hardly celebrated New Year. This gave rise to massive New Year celebratory traditions that include one particularly interesting one. The tradition requires you to write your New Year’s wish on a piece of paper and then set it alight. You then need to drop the remains into your champagne glass, and drink it before the clock goes past 12. They call this tradition as “drink a wish.”

5. The Japanese have their own unique set of traditions when it comes to New Year celebrations. New Year’s Eve is also known as Omisoka, and the tradition is ringing bells in

Buddhist temples, exactly 108 times. The reason for 108 is that this is the number of human desires, which means the causes of suffering. Thus, this could take away all negative emotions, and the best place to go to is Zojoji Temple in Tokyo.

#### 6. Thailand

Song Kran is a festival held every year in Thailand on April 13 - 15. People celebrate Song Kran by throwing water at each other in the streets. There are many reasons behind throwing water, but one of the most important one is that to have a clean body and mind for the New Year. People believe that water will wash away bad luck. It is also a time to visit family and give gifts, go to temple to pray and give food to monks. They also clean the Buddha images in temples with water and perfumes.

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