

Happy New Year!

When Is New Year?

In many countries, New Year is celebrated at midnight on 31st December to 1st January. A new year is a new start and it is a time for celebration.

New Year Resolutions

New Year's resolutions are like 'promises' for the New Year. It could be something you want to get better at or something you want to change.

Possible New Year's Resolutions

- I will tidy my bedroom every day.
- I will join a new group or club.
- This year, I will eat the broccoli that my mum gives me for my tea.



New Year around the UK

England - Many people watch the fireworks in London and count down the time on Big Ben.

Wales - New Year is called Calennig.

Ireland - New Year is celebrated with friends and family.

Scotland - New Year's Eve is called Hogmanay.

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New Year Traditions

For some people, New Year is a time to think about what they have done in the last year. It may also be a time to think about things that they would like to improve over the coming year. People often make New Year's resolutions linked to things they want to achieve or change over the next 12 months.

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New Year in England

- One of the main focuses at New Year is Big Ben at the Houses of Parliament.
- On 1st January, there is a New Year Parade in London which has happened every year since 1987.



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New Year in Ireland

- Many people in Ireland enjoy celebrating New Year with their friends and families.
- Large firework displays are attended in some of the larger cities, including Belfast and Dublin.

New Year in Scotland

- New Year's Eve is known as Hogmanay in Scotland.
- First-footing is a tradition where people go to one another's homes to bring a gift of whisky and coal, to bring good fortune to the house for the next year.

New Year in Wales

- New Year is known as Calennig in Wales.
- On New Year's Eve, the Nos Galan road race is held. It is a 5km run on Mountain Ash. Many people take part, including elite runners and families.



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- from midnight on 31st December to 1st January
- from midnight on 1st December to 31st January
- from midday on 31st December to 1st January

2. Draw lines to match these sentences.

In England	•
In Ireland	•
In Scotland	•
In Wales	•

• ... New Year is called Calennig.
• ... people go first-footing and bring a gift of whisky and coal.
• ... there are firework displays in Belfast and Dublin.
• ... there is a New Year Parade on 1st January.

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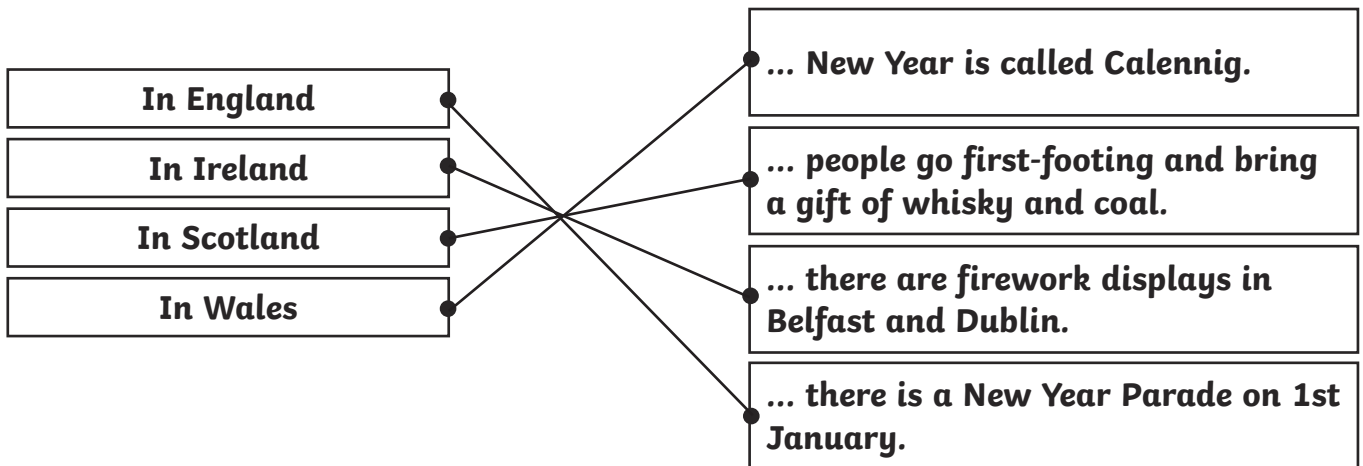
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New Year Traditions

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New Year around the UK

New Year is often celebrated in England by gathering family and friends together, singing and watching fireworks. In London, fireworks light up the night sky on the Embankment where thousands of people go to welcome in the new year.

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In Scotland, the stroke of midnight is symbolised with the firing of a cannon at Edinburgh Castle. New Year's Eve is called Hogmanay in Scotland and people celebrate by exchanging gifts and spending time with their loved ones.

In Wales, New Year is known as Calennig, which means 'first day of the month'. In the Welsh capital, Cardiff, celebrations are held at the Cardiff Civic Centre which include live music, fireworks, ice skating and fairground rides. It is customary to give gifts of bread and cheese in Wales at New Year.

New Year's Eve in Ireland is celebrated by gathering family and friends together and enjoying small parties in their homes. Some of the larger cities, such as Belfast and Dublin, hold special New Year's events for people to enjoy.



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- looking after your pets
- thinking about new beginnings

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People in Ireland may have parties with their families and friends.		

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- 1) **bread**
- 2) **cheese**

6. Jack really likes listening to music and ice skating. Where should he go to celebrate New Year? Give at least one reason for your answer from the text.

Jack should go to the Cardiff Civic Centre in the Welsh capital because he would like the live music and ice skating there.