

Answer the New Year's Quiz Now!

1. What is the name of the famous ball that drops in New York City on New Year's Eve?

(A) The Times Square Ball

2. In many cultures, what do people often clean before New Year's Day to symbolize a fresh start?

(A) Their homes

3. What type of food is considered lucky to eat in the southern United States on New Year's Day?

(A) Black-eyed peas

4. What is a common superstition about the first person to enter your home after midnight on New Year?

(A) They bring good or bad luck for the year (First-Footing tradition)

5. What do people often write down and promise to achieve at the start of the New Year?

(A) Resolutions

6. In which country is the tradition of eating 12 grapes at midnight practiced?

(A) Spain

7. What do people in Denmark traditionally smash on their friends' doorsteps to wish them good luck?

(A) Plates or crockery

8. What is the Scottish tradition of "First-Footing"?

(A) The first person to enter a home after midnight brings luck and gifts, like coal or bread.

9. In which country are fireworks on New Year's Eve believed to ward off evil spirits?

(A) China

10. What time zone celebrates New Year first every year?

(A) The Line Islands (Kiribati)

11. What is the traditional song sung at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?

(A) Auld Lang Syne

12. Complete this phrase: "Out with the old, in with the ____."

(A) New

13. What does the phrase "Auld Lang Syne" roughly mean in English?

(A) "Times gone by"

14. Which month is named after the Roman god of beginnings and transitions?

(A) January (after Janus)

15. What is the common saying people use to wish others a happy start to the year?

(A) "Happy New Year!"

16. In which year did the first New Year's Eve ball drop in Times Square?

(A) 1907

17. What ancient civilization is credited with celebrating the first recorded New Year's festival?

(A) The Babylonians

18. Which Pope introduced January 1 as the first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar?

(A) Pope Gregory XIII

19. In what decade did making New Year's resolutions become a popular trend?

(A) 1940s

20. When did the 21st century officially begin?

(A) 2001

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