



English Corner



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NEW YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

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New Year Around the World New Year is celebrated in many ways around the world. In Poland, people meet with family or friends, enjoy fireworks, and make New Year's resolutions. At midnight, many toast with sparkling drinks and wish each other happiness for the coming year. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, one for each month, to bring good luck. In Japan, families clean their houses to start the year fresh. In Brazil, many people wear white clothes and throw flowers into the ocean. In Australia, New Year is celebrated with large parties and fireworks, especially in Sydney. In Scotland, people celebrate singing the famous song Auld Lang Syne and welcoming visitors to their homes. New Year is a time of joy and hope. It is a great time for everyone.



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New Year's eve around the world. Although in our country we celebrate the New Year's eve quite ordinary by letting off fireworks, meeting up with friends, and counting up for midnight and new year's start, other countries celebrate New Year in many different ways.

In Italy on the New Year's night people throw old broken things through their windows to get rid of the old year troubles.

In Venezuela yellow underwear is worn on New Year's day, to bring good luck. In this country people also write down their wishes, and when midnight is close they burn them.



In France New Year is very noisy, because French believe, that loud noise chase bad spirits away, so they let off so many fireworks.

In Canada and America New Year is celebrated by having parties, and people wait until midnight to watch the ball drop in Times Square.

In Japan when the New Year arrives Japanese laugh loud, because they believe it brings good luck. There are no big parties organized in Japan on the New Year's eve, people eat many special dishes instead. Each of them has a special meaning.

When the clock strikes midnight, you can hear 108 bells ringing to celebrate New Year. For people in Japan it's really important to see the first sunrise of the New Year, so they usually go to bed early. New Year is celebrated there for 3 days, people visit shrines for good luck.

In Filipines children must jump 10 times if they want to grow tall.

In Denmark people collect dishes for all year, and then throw at their friends doors. If someone finds a lot of broken pates in front of his door on the New Year's morning, it meas he is happy, good and has lots of friends.

The picked up customs that are celebrated around the world are just some examples. There are plenty of additional habbits you may find funny or iteresting from your perspective. Variety of them just confirms how people living on our planet differ from each other and how discovering other cultures is fascinating.

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Hi,

I want to tell you about New Year's Eve in Poland. We do not have many special customs in Poland different from those in England for New Year's Eve. In Poland people usually meet with friends and family to celebrate the evening and wait for the midnight to come. We do not have special dish nor drink. We decorate the room with balloons and serotines, we buy confetti. When the midnight comes, we open champagne and celebrate the New Year. Some people let off fireworks.

This year I was happy to invite some of my closest friends to my house. We made some pizza and played board games. We also took a lot of pictures with vintage camera. The funny idea was to try the Spanish New Year's Eve custom: one must eat 12 grapes under the table in 12 seconds. We have tried that, for being happy in relationships and in life. We will see about that!

Anyway, the old year has passed away. Now there is time to make my New Year Resolutions. I would like to concentrate more on my passions not only responsibilities. However, I would rather be more organized than before.



Author: Emilia Kubicka

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New Year is celebrated all around the world, but each country has its own unique traditions to welcome it. Let's take a quick look at how people in different parts of the globe mark this special occasion!

In Japan, New Year, or Oshogatsu, is a time for family gatherings and reflection. People clean their homes to start the year fresh and often visit temples to pray for good fortune.

In Spain, a fun tradition involves eating 12 grapes at midnight—one for each chime of the clock. Each grape represents a wish or good luck for the coming year.

In Brazil, people wear white clothes for peace and jump over seven waves at the beach, making wishes for the new year.

Meanwhile, in the United States, the famous Times Square ball drop in New York City attracts millions of viewers. Fireworks and parties are also a big part of the celebration.



These customs show how diverse and colorful New Year traditions can be. How does your family celebrate?

Let's welcome the New Year with joy and hope, wherever we are in the world!

Author: Bartosz Dzieran

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Hi

I'm going to tell you about how we usually celebrate new year's eve in Poland. In our country people let off fireworks and eat some snacks or sweets like: chips, jelly candies or chocolate. Adults drink champagne and children drink non alcohol sparkling drinks. In Poland we organize parties. On the 31st of December or 1st of January we usually make some New Year's resolutions. On New Year's eve me and my sister usually meet our neighbours. We play together with kids and adults talk. This year we did some yoga challenges, even though we do sport dancing and we are flexible some of the exercises were very hard. :) When my friend's small brother went to sleep we moved to our house to play some games and dance with Just Dance. Close to midnight we went out to admire fireworks. Luckily our cat is not that much afraid of them like other animals could be. I went to bed at three a.m. On the 1st of January I wrote my New Year's resolutions. Here are some of them: I will study better, I will keep my room tidy and I will eat healthier food.

I hope with this what I wrote you know more of how I usually spend New Year's eve in Poland.



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