

Happy New Year!

When Is New Year?

In most countries, New Year is from midnight on 31st December to 1st January. New Year is celebrated in many different ways including parties, time with family and friends and watching firework displays.

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.

New Year around the UK

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.



Happy New Year Questions

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

2. Draw lines to match these sentences.

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

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• ... 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.

3. Tick **true** or **false** to show if these sentences are correct or incorrect. One has been done for you.

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There are celebrations at the Houses of Parliament.		
There is a road race in England.		
Hogmanay is only in Ireland.		

4. **Find** and **copy** a word which means the same as **luck**.

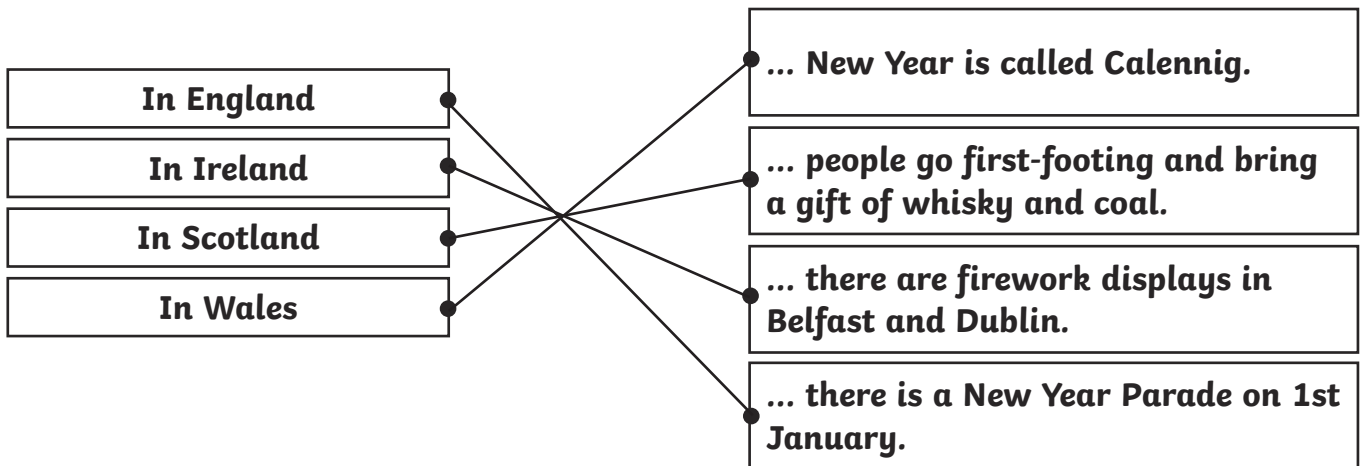
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