

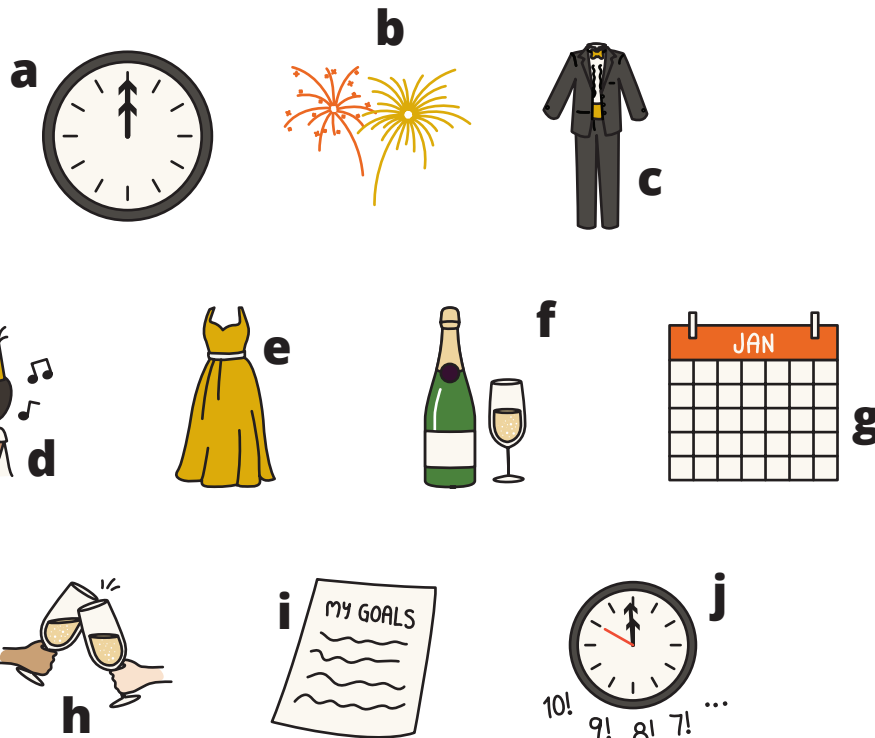
# New Year's

## Vocabulary Preview



Match the words and the images.

- h   1. cheers
- 2. party
- 3. champagne
- 4. midnight
- 5. dress
- 6. tuxedo
- 7. fireworks
- 8. calendar
- 9. countdown
- 10. resolutions



## Reading

1. Many people around the world celebrate the beginning of the new year on December 31 and January 1.
2. The night of December 31 is New Year's Eve. People often go to New Year's Eve **parties**. Some people get dressed up in formal clothing such as **tuxedos** and **dresses**. They celebrate the start of the new year by eating food and drinking **champagne** with friends and family.
3. It's time for the **countdown!** About 10 seconds before **midnight**, people count down to the new year by yelling out "10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1! Happy New Year!"
4. At midnight, many people toast one another with a glass of champagne. They clink their glasses together and say "**Cheers!**" or "Happy New Year!" Sometimes people watch **fireworks** at midnight too.
5. New Year's Day is on January 1. It is the start of a new **calendar** year. Many people spend this holiday with family and friends. It is a popular day to make New Year's **resolutions**. People often set personal goals such as "I will quit smoking" or "I will exercise more this year."

# Comprehension

## A. True or False?

Are these sentences true or false?

Write T if the answer is true and F if the answer is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. New Year's Eve is on January 1.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Tuxedos and dresses are casual clothing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. People say "Happy New Year!" at 11:00 pm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. New Year's Day is on January 1.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. "I will eat healthier food this year" is an example of a New Year's resolution.

## B. Ask & Answer

Ask your partner these questions.

Then write the answers in complete sentences in the spaces below.

- 1. When do people celebrate New Year's Eve?

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- 2. What do people do on New Year's Eve?

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- 3. When do people celebrate New Year's Day?

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- 4. What do people do on New Year's Day?

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- 5. What are some common New Year's resolutions that people make?

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# Vocabulary Review

## A. Unscramble the Words

Unscramble the words from the reading on page 2.

- |              |       |                |       |
|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. eodxut    | _____ | 6. tighdimn    | _____ |
| 2. serds     | _____ | 7. korifewsr   | _____ |
| 3. lendcara  | _____ | 8. tiluseroons | _____ |
| 4. ctboundow | _____ | 9. gapmachen   | _____ |
| 5. aptry     | _____ | 10. rehecs     | _____ |

## B. Word Search

Find the words you unscrambled in Part A in the Word Search below.

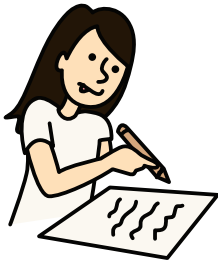
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 s u i k h r e u r o u x y  
 r n g c r a e x p r t e y  
 e t h o k r n u m p i d a  
 s d t d x q z e m r o o a  
 c o d n r z r e b a n n e  
 a w c a l e n d a r s n n  
 e n r h e e s a c a l n d  
 e h c l d a r s f i r e l

## Vocabulary Review cont.

### C. Look at the Pictures

Circle the sentence that best describes the picture.

1.



- a) She is writing her resolutions in a piece of paper.
- b) She is writing her resolutions under a piece of paper.
- c) She is writing her resolutions above a piece of paper.
- d) She is writing her resolutions on a piece of paper.

2.



- a) They are toasting each other.
- b) They are glassing each other.
- c) They are breading each other.
- d) They are drinking each other.

3.



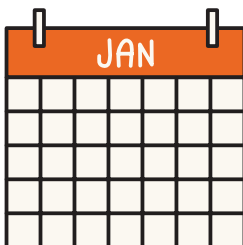
- a) They are counting up the seconds until midnight.
- b) They are counting down the seconds until midnight.
- c) They are counting on the seconds until midnight.
- d) They are counting around the seconds until midnight.

4.



- a) He will wear casual clothing to the New Year's Eve party.
- b) He will wear a dress to the New Year's Eve party.
- c) He will wear jeans to the New Year's Eve party.
- d) He will wear a tuxedo to the New Year's Eve party.

5.



- a) New Year's Day is on January.
- b) New Year's Day is at January.
- c) New Year's Day is in January.
- d) New Year's Day is to January.

# New Year's Survey

Walk around the classroom and ask your classmates questions.  
Write your classmate's name on the right if he/she answers "yes."

#	Question	Classmate
1	Is New Year's your favourite holiday?	
2	Do you like watching fireworks?	
3	Do you usually spend New Year's Eve with friends?	
4	Do you usually go to a party on New Year's Eve?	
5	Do you drink any special drinks on New Year's Eve?	
6	Do you have any common New Year's traditions in your country?	
7	Do you usually spend New Year's Day with family?	
8	Do you eat any special food on New Year's Day?	
9	Do you give and get gifts on New Year's Day?	
10	Do you usually make New Year's resolutions?	

# Listening

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the recording.

1. Many people around the world celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new year on December 31 and \_\_\_\_\_ 1.
2. The night of December 31 is New Year's Eve. People often go to New Year's Eve \_\_\_\_\_. Some people get dressed up in formal clothing such as tuxedos and \_\_\_\_\_. They celebrate the start of the new year by eating food and drinking champagne with friends and family.
3. It's time for the \_\_\_\_\_ ! About 10 seconds before \_\_\_\_\_ , people count down to the new year by yelling out "10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1! Happy New Year!"
4. At midnight, many people toast one another with a glass of champagne. They clink their glasses together and say " \_\_\_\_\_ !" or "Happy New Year!" Sometimes people watch \_\_\_\_\_ at midnight too.
5. New Year's Day is on January 1. It is the start of a new \_\_\_\_\_ year. Many people spend this holiday with family and friends. It is a popular day to make New Year's \_\_\_\_\_. People often set personal goals such as "I will quit smoking" or "I will exercise more this year."

# Answer Key

## LESSON DESCRIPTION:

This lesson includes a reading, vocabulary development tasks, comprehension questions, and a group activity.

**LEVEL:** Beg

**TIME:** 1.5–2 hours

**TAGS:** holidays, New Year's, new year, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Happy New Year, resolutions

## Vocabulary Preview

- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. h | 3. f | 5. e | 7. b | 9. j  |
| 2. d | 4. a | 6. c | 8. g | 10. i |

## Reading

Read individually, in small groups, or as a class. You can also play the listening as your students read along. A gap-fill version of the reading is available on page 7. Help your students with vocabulary and expressions that they are unfamiliar with.

## Comprehension

After reading the passage, have students complete Part A and then go over the answers as a class. For Part B, break students into pairs and have them practise asking and answering the comprehension questions. At the end of the oral practice, have the students write the answers. Review again orally with the whole class.

### A. TRUE OR FALSE?

1. F – New Year's Eve is on December 31.
2. F – Tuxedos and dresses are formal clothing.
3. F – People say "Happy New Year!" at midnight.
4. T
5. T

### B. ASK & ANSWER

1. People celebrate New Year's Eve on December 31.
2. People go to parties, drink champagne, count down the seconds until midnight, and watch fireworks on New Year's Eve.
3. People celebrate New Year's Day on January 1.
4. People spend New Year's Day with family and friends and make New Year's resolutions.
5. Answers will vary. Common resolutions include goals about health, fitness, hobbies, travel, careers, loved ones, etc.

## Vocabulary Review

Put students into pairs or small groups. Encourage them to try this exercise without looking back at the words on page 2.

### A. UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. tuxedo    | 6. midnight    |
| 2. dress     | 7. fireworks   |
| 3. calendar  | 8. resolutions |
| 4. countdown | 9. champagne   |
| 5. party     | 10. cheers     |

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## Answer Key cont.

### Vocabulary Review cont.

#### B. WORD SEARCH

e h a m p a g n e k r o p  
 p i m k s s e d s o e r p  
 u f r e w o r k s s d a  
 r c d w o a e b n t o t r  
 e o n k l e p x r a l u t  
 s u k h r e u r o u x y  
 r n g z r a e x p r t e y  
 e t h o k r n u m p i d a  
 s d t d x q z e m r o o a  
 c o d n r z r e b a n n e  
 a w e a l e n d a r s n n  
 e n r h e e s a c a l n d  
 e h c l d a r s f i r e l

#### C. LOOK AT THE PICTURES

1. d      2. a      3. b      4. d      5. c

### New Year's Survey

Have the students circulate around the class asking the questions on the sheet. When the student finds a classmate who can answer "yes," he/she will write the student's name next to the question. If you think your students can handle it, have them follow up with one more question of his/her own for some of the questions. E.g., "Is New Year's your favourite holiday?" If the student answers "yes," the second question might be: "Why is it your favourite holiday?" Follow up by sharing the information with the whole class.

### Listening

1. beginning, January
2. parties, dresses
3. countdown, midnight
4. Cheers, fireworks
5. calendar, resolutions

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

To teach the capitalization rules for New Year and for a discussion on New Year vs. New Year's, please see our editor's blog post: <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2012/12/28/when-to-write-new-years-new-year-and-new-year/>