



Happy New Year!

Activity 1: Flashcards

Balloons



We often have **balloons** at New Year's Eve parties.

Ball drop



Many Americans and people worldwide watch the **ball drop** at midnight in Times Square in New York City on New Year's Eve.

Confetti



Confetti flies through the air at midnight to celebrate the beginning of the New Year!

Calendar



We can keep track of the date with a **calendar**.

Countdown



At 11:59:50pm on December 31st, we usually have a **countdown** to midnight on January 1st to ring in the new year,

Celebrate



People all over the world **celebrate** New Year's together!

Party



Many people have a **party** with friends and family to ring in the new year.

Fireworks



Cities all around the world have **fireworks** displays at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Kiss



It's tradition in many countries to **kiss** a loved one at midnight on New Year's.

Noisemaker



*It's fun to blow **noisemakers** on New Year's Eve!*

Midnight



*At **midnight** on New Year's Eve, it becomes the new year and we all celebrate!*

New Year's Eve



*December 31st is the last day of the year and what we call **New Year's Eve**.*

New Year's Day



On January 1st, we start the new calendar year and call it **New Year's Day**.

Resolution



Many people make New Year's **resolutions** for goals that they want to achieve in the new year.

Toast



It's common to **toast** to the new year by saying 'Cheers!' and clinking glasses with friends and family.

Activity 2: Auld Lang Syne

"Auld Lang Syne" is a popular song, particularly in the English-speaking world. Traditionally it is sung to bid farewell (say goodbye) to the old year at midnight on New Year's Eve. Let's sing this traditional New Year's song:

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For days of auld lang syne



Activity 3: New Year's Traditions

Ireland: Cleaning house

The idea is to start the New Year with a clean slate, which means having a spotless (very clean) house.

USA: New Year's kiss

After counting down to midnight, many share a kiss! The tradition says that kissing someone at midnight will prevent loneliness during the coming year and ward off (keep away) evil spirits.

England: Out with the old, in with the new

At midnight, people open the back door to let the old year out and ask the first dark-haired man to come through the front door with salt, coal and bread. This symbolizes that in the new year, everyone in the house will have enough to eat (bread), enough money (salt) and be warm enough (coal).

Scotland: Hogmanay

The celebration of New Year's Eve is called "Hogmanay". The word Hogmanay comes from a kind of oat cake that was traditionally given to children on New Year's Eve.

Canada: Clapping

Clapping and roaring (yelling) at midnight when New Year arrives in Canada is a tradition with the belief that it keeps away all the past evils and negative energies.

What are some of your family's or culture's New Year's traditions? Discuss with a partner then present to the class!

Activity 4: Future

WILL

Will + Verb

'Will' is used to express a promise.

'Will' can also be used to predict something based on our opinion.

Examples:

- I will be nicer to my sister.
- I will cook dinner tonight.
- I will do my homework on time.
- I think it will snow tomorrow!

GOING TO

Am/is/are + going to + verb

'Going to' is used to talk about an intention.

'Going to' can also be used to predict something based on evidence.

Examples:

- I'm going to spend New Year's in Paris.
- I'm going to be a good student next year.
- I'm going to kiss my mom at midnight.
- It's going to snow this weekend!

Activity 5: Resolutions

Resolutions are usually promises we make to ourselves about the coming year. With a partner, write some resolutions you have for this year using the template! Then share with the class.

THIS YEAR I WILL

Start a new habit:

Read a good book:

Learn a new skill:

Go on a visit to:

Break a bad habit:

Look forward to:

Try something new:

Write your own here:

(Use 'will' if it's a promise, but 'going to' if it's your plan!)

Activity 6: Games

Complete the word search with a partner!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Countdown
Confetti
Midnight
Balloons

Celebration
Fireworks
January
Happy

New Year
Clock
Cheers
Goals

Party Poppers
Noisemaker
Resolution
Sparklers

