

NEW YEAR'S EVE QUIZ

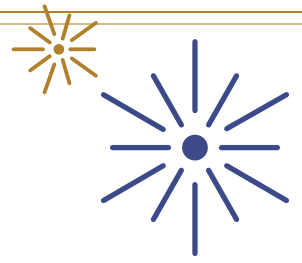
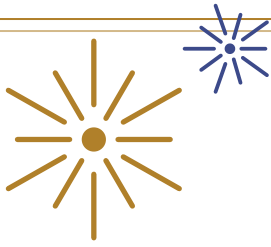
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Twenty questions on Hogmanay, Auld Lang Syne and New Year traditions from around the world. Play in teams before the countdown.

Team name _____

Score /20

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| 1 Who wrote the words of 'Auld Lang Syne' as we sing it today?
..... | 11 The earliest Roman calendar started the year in which month?
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| 2 What does 'auld lang syne' roughly mean?
..... | 12 Until 1752, the legal year in England began on which date?
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| 3 What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
..... | 13 Which famous London bell bongs midnight on TV?
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| 4 Traditionally, who makes the luckiest first-foot after midnight?
..... | 14 What drops down a pole in New York's Times Square at midnight?
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| 5 Name one traditional gift a first-foot brings.
..... | 15 Which Australian city's Harbour Bridge fireworks are some of the first big displays?
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| 6 What is the rich fruit cake baked in pastry and eaten at Hogmanay?
..... | 16 When it's midnight in Auckland on New Year's Eve, what time is it in the UK?
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| 7 In which Aberdeenshire town do people swing balls of fire at Hogmanay?
..... | 17 In Spain, how many grapes do people eat as the clock strikes midnight?
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| 8 Which Shetland fire festival, with a Viking longship, is held each January?
..... | 18 In Japan, how many times are temple bells rung to see in the New Year?
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| 9 Which day after New Year's Day is also a bank holiday in Scotland?
..... | 19 In Brazil, what colour do most people wear on New Year's Eve?
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| 10 January is named after which two-faced Roman god?
..... | 20 In Denmark, what do people jump off at midnight to 'leap' into the New Year?
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ANSWERS

The answers

- 1 **Robert Burns** Who wrote the words of 'Auld Lang Syne' as we sing it today?
- 2 **Old long since (days gone by)** What does 'auld lang syne' roughly mean?
- 3 **Hogmanay** What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?
- 4 **A tall, dark-haired man** Traditionally, who makes the luckiest first-foot after midnight?
- 5 **Coal, shortbread, black bun, salt or whisky** Name one traditional gift a first-foot brings.
- 6 **Black bun** What is the rich fruit cake baked in pastry and eaten at Hogmanay?
- 7 **Stonehaven** In which Aberdeenshire town do people swing balls of fire at Hogmanay?
- 8 **Up Helly Aa** Which Shetland fire festival, with a Viking longship, is held each January?
- 9 **2 January** Which day after New Year's Day is also a bank holiday in Scotland?
- 10 **Janus** January is named after which two-faced Roman god?
- 11 **March** The earliest Roman calendar started the year in which month?
- 12 **25 March (Lady Day)** Until 1752, the legal year in England began on which date?
- 13 **Big Ben** Which famous London bell bongs midnight on TV?
- 14 **A giant ball** What drops down a pole in New York's Times Square at midnight?
- 15 **Sydney** Which Australian city's Harbour Bridge fireworks are some of the first big displays?
- 16 **11am** When it's midnight in Auckland on New Year's Eve, what time is it in the UK?
- 17 **Twelve** In Spain, how many grapes do people eat as the clock strikes midnight?
- 18 **108** In Japan, how many times are temple bells rung to see in the New Year?
- 19 **White** In Brazil, what colour do most people wear on New Year's Eve?
- 20 **Chairs** In Denmark, what do people jump off at midnight to 'leap' into the New Year?