New Year Assembly

What Is New Year?

New Year's Day is the first day of the new year.
It is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country in the world.

It is a time of fun, remembering the past, and hoping for good things in the future.

Many people celebrate New Year's Eve by spending time with family and friends, eating, drinking and dancing.

In England, Big Ben strikes at midnight to welcome the New Year.

In Scotland, New Year is called Hogmanay. Edinburgh's Hogmanay is a world-famous New Year festival and is three days of spectacular events, fireworks and audiences from every corner of the globe.

A Time for Celebration

When Did It All Start?

In England, priests started to celebrate their New Year on 10th March each year.

They gave branches of mistletoe to people for charms.

Later, English people followed the custom of cleaning their chimneys on New Year's Day as they believed this brought good luck to the household for the coming year.

The expression "cleaning the slate" came from this custom. It means making resolutions to correct faults and bad habits.

New Year around the World

New Year is celebrated all over the world,
although not necessarily at the same time as here in the UK.

The Chinese, Egyptian, Roman and Jewish years all have different start dates.

The Chinese New Year even starts at a different time every year!

New Year around the World

London

New York

Sydney

Germany

Edinburgh

Hong Kong

Happy New Year

China (Cantonese) – "**Gung Hay Fat Choy**"

Denmark (Danish) – "**Godt Nytår**"

France (French) – "**Bonne Année**"

Germany (German) – "**Gutes Neues Jahr**"

Hawaii (Hawaiian) – "**Hau'oli Makahiki Hou**"

Ireland (Irish) – "**Aith-bhliain fé mhaise dhuit**"

Israel (Hebrew) – "**Shana Tova**"

Italy (Italian) – "**Buon Capo d'Auno**"

Japan (Japanese) – "**Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu**"

Netherlands (Dutch) – "**Gelukkig Nieuwjaar**"

Norway (Norwegian) – "**Godt Nytt År**"

New Year's Resolutions

People resolve to make themselves better in the New Year.

It is still customary today to make a list of resolutions.

Have you made any New Year's resolutions?

Is there anything that you would like to do better this year?

Is there anything that you may like to give up?

Could you be more helpful in any way?

Some Examples...

I will try to work harder at school.

I will eat more vegetables and less sweets.

I will do some more exercise.

I will try to keep my bedroom tidy.

I will stop biting my fingernails.

I will smile more.

I will always get my work finished on time.

I will be kinder to my brother/sister.

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