

Reading Practice: The New Year

1. Fill in the blanks with the words given

midnight

December

national holiday

first day

calendar

celebrate

fireworks

New Year's Eve

last night

goals

countdown

resolutions

January

sparklers

parties

Many people around the world _____ the beginning of the new year on _____ 31 and _____ 1. In many countries, this is a _____.

The night of December 31 is _____. It is the _____ of the year. People often go to New Year's Eve _____ and celebrate the new year with friends and family.

It's time for the _____! About 10 seconds before _____, people count down to the new year "10...9...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...1! Happy New Year!"

At midnight, people say "Happy New Year!" to each other. Sometimes people watch _____, and sometimes they light _____ too.

New Year's Day is on January 1. It is the _____ of a new _____ year. It is a popular day to make New Year's _____. People often set _____ for the new year.

2. Read the passage out and RECORD yourself