

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

How did you celebrate the start of the new year 2019? Maybe you went to a party or watched on TV. Maybe your family has a special food you eat on New Year's Day. People all over the world have different ways of welcoming the start of a new year.



New Year's Day, January 1, is a holiday in many countries. In Australia, since it is summer there at this time of the year, people celebrate on January 1 with outdoor activities like picnics on the beach, rodeos, and surf carnivals.

In Spain, it is a tradition to eat 12 grapes, one each time a clock chimes, at midnight on New Year's Day. Spanish people say eating grapes brings good luck.

Some people in the southern United States eat black eyed peas and turnip greens on January 1 to bring good luck earning money in the new year. The peas represent coins and the greens stand for dollars.

Other countries start the new year on a day other than January 1. Many Chinese people celebrate new year between January 21st and February 20th. Their celebration is based on the lunar calendar, which starts each new month on the day of the new moon. Big parades with huge floats of dancing dragon and lions mark the start of the new year. The dragon is a symbol of wealth and long life. Some Chinese people also set off firecrackers, because they believe loud noises scare away evil spirits.



Read again the given text and answer the following questions.

1. When does people around the world celebrate New Year?
 - A. 31st December
 - B. 1st January
 - C. 29th February

2. What season does it has in Australia during New Year?
 - A. Summer
 - B. Winter
 - C. Spring

3. What do the people do in Australia to celebrate their 1st day of January?
 - A. Stay at home
 - B. Celebrate in a restaurant
 - C. outdoor activities like picnics on the beach, rodeos, and surf carnivals

4. Why the people of Spain eat 12 grapes?
 - A. It brings bad luck
 - B. It brings money
 - C. It brings good luck

5. What tradition does the people in the Southern United States do during New Year?
 - A. eat black eyed peas and turnip greens
 - B. eat pizza and pasta
 - C. eat chicken and fish

6. Does the Chinese celebrate their new year on the 1st January?
 - A. YES
 - B. NO

7. What calendar do the Chinese people used?
- A. Sun calendar
 - B. Moon calendar
 - C. Lunar calendar
8. When do they celebrate Chinese New Year?
- A. Between 1st January and 29th February
 - B. Between 21st January and 20th February
 - C. Between 31st January and 20th March
9. What does the Chinese people have during their New Year?
- A. They have Santa Claus
 - B. They have huge floats of dancing dragon and lions
 - C. They have ketupat and rendang
10. Why do the Chinese people set off firecrackers?
- A. they believe loud noises scare away evil spirits
 - B. they believe loud noises makes people happy
 - C. they believe loud noises symbolize the beginning of new year