

Out with the old, in with the new!

Chinese

the USA

In the Philippines

In England

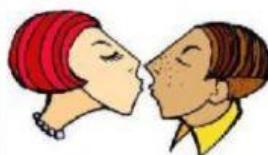
In Spain

In Brazil

Italians

New Years's celebrations all over the world

Read the text and answer the questions.



In **the USA**, people countdown from 10 to 0. After that, they kiss the person who is next to them. The most famous place to do this is Times Square, in Manhattan, New York.



In **Brazil**, people have a big family dinner. At midnight they eat 12 grapes. They also wear something red to welcome the New Year.



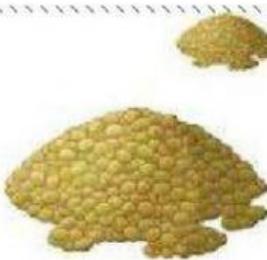
In **Brazil**, people go to the beach. They sing and dance and they throw flowers into the water to honor Iemanja, an African goddess.

One of the most famous places to do this is in Copacabana beach. There is also a big

firework.



In **Spain**, people open all doors and windows in the house in order to allow negative energy to leave and good energy to enter.



In **Spain**, people eat lentils at their dinner. They also have to throw away old things. This tradition means good luck for the New Year.



In **Italy**, people celebrate their New Year's Eve in February. They make rituals against bad spirits using fireworks and noise.



In **England**, people eat a typical dessert - the 'Christmas pudding'. Each family has their personal recipe of this.

How do you celebrate the New Year?

1. When is New Year celebrated in your culture?
2. Do you celebrate New Year's Eve and the New Year? How do you celebrate it?
3. Why might some people not like New Year's Eve?
4. How might the things below be connected with New Year celebrations and traditions?
 - confetti
 - fireworks
 - mask
 - suitcase
 - yellow underwear
5. Do you know any New Year traditions from other cultures/countries?
6. Are you going to **make** any New Year's **resolutions**?
7. Do you **reflect back** on the year at the end of December or **move on**?