



Every country and every nation has its own national traditions, related to the celebration of various holidays.

Sometimes these traditions are very exotic, unusual and extravagant.

Let's see how people celebrate New year **in** different countries!

Watch a video how New Year is celebrated **in Italy, Japan, Venezuela, France, Philippines and Denmark.**

Answer the questions: **In which country**

\_\_\_\_\_ people belief that noise chases bad spirits away

\_\_\_\_\_ people to throw old junk through the window on the New year's night to get rid of troubles of the old year

\_\_\_\_\_ people burn their wish notes in midnight

\_\_\_\_\_ children have to jump 10 times at the New year's midnight if they want to grow tall

\_\_\_\_\_ you can hear 108 bells strokes for different vices (greed, stupidity, anger and others)

\_\_\_\_\_ collect dishes for the whole year and then throw at their friends doors

IN ITALY    IN JAPAN    IN VENEZUELA    IN DENMARK

IN PHILIPPINES    IN FRANCE

## Sing Traditional *Happy New Year song*

What musical instrument use heroes in this song

tambourine

bells

triangle

castanets



Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky – **Russian composer**. He **wrote 3 ballets**: *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty*.

**Ballet** is a theatrical performance that tells a story using music, costumes, sets, and dance.

Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker* is based on a story by German author E.T.A. Hoffmann. In *The Nutcracker*, a Christmas present -- a nutcracker -- comes to life as a handsome prince. He takes the young girl who received him as a present on some fantastic adventures.

*The Nutcracker*

*Лебединое озеро*

*Swan Lake*

*Щелкунчик*

*Sleeping Beauty*

*Спящая красавица*



Listen to music from ballet

**Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy from The Nutcracker**

### **QUIZE**

**Ballet *The Nutcracker* is based on a story by**

English author E.T.A. Hoffmann.

German author E.T.A. Hoffmann

French author E.T.A. Hoffmann

**The story opens on**

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Christmas Week

**The name of the little girl in *The Nutcracker* is**

Alice

Clara

Anne

**The name of the instrument that sounds like bells in *The Nutcracker* is**

a celeste

a tambourine

a xylophone

**Nutcracker is**

a wooden little soldier with a large head

a wooden big soldier with a little head

a tin little soldier with a large head

**The name of toymaker and magician in The Nutcracker is**

Hoffman

Drosselmeyer

Fritz

**The Nutcracker was transforms into**

a handsome King

a handsome Prince

a handsome Lord

**The rest of the ballet consists of the Sweets from around the world**

Spanish	Tea
Chinese	Marzipan
Arabian	Hot Chocolate
Danish	Candy Canes
Russian	Coffee
The Waltz	of the Flowers

## Nutcracker Rhythm Game

How did you feel about this Rhythm Game? Choose and write

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*It was difficult, but interesting*

*It was easy and interesting*

*It was boring*

*It was useful for my sense of rhythm*

**Now is the time of year to sing a happy song of cheer**

