

ONCE YOU LEARN TO  
READ, YOU WILL BE  
FOREVER FREE.  
— Frederick Douglass



## Reading: A2-14

Read the text and answer the questions.

New Year's Day is a **holiday** around the world, but people in Edinburgh, Scotland, **celebrate** it in an **exciting** way. They have a **festival** called Hogmanay. Hogmanay **takes place** all around the city, from December 29 to January 1. It starts with a parade on the night of December 29. On December 30, there are concerts and dancing. Finally, on New Year's Eve, there is a street party with fireworks, and people wear very colorful **costumes**. There is always a big **crowd** even though it's very cold. One year, more than 100,000 people **participated**. The celebration in Edinburgh is very **well-known**, but the **annual** Hogmanay festivals in other cities in Scotland are popular, too.

What is the topic of the text?

- a) New Year's day
- b) Hogmanay
- c) Festivities in Scotland

What is **they** in the text?

- a) Edinburgh
- b) The people
- c) exciting way

Hogmanay festival takes place only in Edinburgh.

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The weather is not an impediment for people to celebrate.

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Some concerts are presented in parks.

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Hogmanay is the most popular festivity in Edinburgh.

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Hogmanay is an annual celebration.

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▲ Hogmanay celebration in Scotland