

COLOMBIAN NEW YEAR'S EVE TRADITIONS

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Take your luggage for a stroll

If you are hoping to travel a lot in the coming year, it is time to grab your luggage and take it for a run around the block when the clock strikes midnight on the 31st of December (If you don't run it doesn't count).



Lentils in your pocket

Another neat Colombian New Year's tradition is to carry lentils in your pocket during the last day of the year. This is supposed to guarantee that you will have an abundance of cash in the coming year.



Money in your hands

Another favorite New Year's tradition in Colombia is to have some cash in hand right as the New Year arrives. If you don't trust the lentils or want to make extra sure that your travel budget is secured, you can hold some cash in your hand when the new year arrives.



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Grapes are great

One Colombian tradition for New Year says that if you eat 12 grapes at the turn of the year, each of these grapes will grant you a wish that will come true in the next year.



Yellow underwear

Opting for this flashing color underneath your clothing on the last night of the year is supposed to bring you money for the one to come.



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Burn the past

Colombians have a tradition where they burn a life-size puppet or doll of an old man called the "año viejo". This doll symbolizes all the things you want to leave in the past year.



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1. What do you grab and take for a run if you want to travel in the new year?

2. Where do you carry the lentils during the last day of the year?

3. When do you have money in your hands?

4. Why do Colombians eat grapes on New Year's Eve?

5. What color is the "lucky underwear"?

6. Who burns the "año viejo" on the 31st of December?



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