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HAPPY NEW YEAR

VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

Lưu ý: Các từ vựng mở rộng thầy cô cho ghi trong vở (nếu có) và các từ vựng mở rộng trong phiếu để có chú thích nghĩa: Con về nhà chép mỗi từ 1 dòng để ghi nhớ nhé.

A. VOCABULARY

New Year (Năm mới)

No.	New words	Meanings	No.	New words	Meanings
1	new beginnings (n phr.)	khởi đầu mới	8	goal-setting (n)	đặt mục tiêu
2	first-footing (n)	xông đất	9	gratitude journal (n phr.)	nhật ký biết ơn
3	lunar new year (n phr.)	tết âm lịch	10	resolution journal (n phr.)	nhật ký quyết tâm
4	leap second (n phr.)	giây nhuận	11	joyful (adj)	vui vẻ, hân hoan
5	champagne (n)	rượu sâm panh	12	holiday traditions (n phr.)	truyền thống ngày lễ
6	Times Square ball (n phr.)	quả cầu thả tại Quảng trường Thời Đại	13	commemoration (n)	sự tưởng niệm, kỷ niệm
7	prosperity (n)	sự thịnh vượng	14	retrospective (adj)	hồi tưởng quá khứ

B. EXTRA VOCABULARY

No.	New words	Meanings	No.	New words	Meanings
1	discouraged (adj)	chán nản, mất động lực	6	sophisticated (adj)	tinh vi, phức tạp
2	comparatively (adv)	tương đối, so sánh	7	distracted (adj)	mất tập trung
3	interruption (n)	sự gián đoạn	8	advanced (adj)	tiên tiến, hiện đại
4	strike (v)	gây ấn tượng mạnh, làm chú ý	9	pessimistic (adj)	bi quan, tiêu cực
5	messing about (phr.v)	làm việc lặt vặt, lãng phí thời gian	10	polished (adj)	trau chuốt, hoàn thiện

*Note: n = noun: danh từ; n phr. = noun phrase: cụm danh từ; adj = adjective: tính từ;
v = verb: động từ; phr.v = phrasal verb: cụm động từ; adv = adverb: trạng từ

*Con học thuộc nghĩa của từ, chính phát âm theo từ điển và chép mỗi từ 1 dòng vào vở ghi.

C. HOMEWORK

I. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer for each of the question.

The celebration of the new year is a deeply rooted tradition in many cultures around the world. For some, it begins with lunar new year celebrations, marked by rituals and customs that bring good fortune. Others celebrate on January 1st with fireworks, gatherings, and the iconic Times Square ball drop.

Writing in a resolution journal or a gratitude journal has become increasingly popular. These practices encourage people to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the future. While both are

used for reflection, the resolution journal focuses more on goal-setting, while the gratitude journal highlights appreciation for everyday moments. Food also plays a significant role in new year traditions. In some countries, meals symbolize prosperity and happiness, with certain ingredients thought to bring luck. For example, fish and rice dishes are common during the lunar new year, as they represent **abundance** and unity. Another popular practice is looking back on the past year with a retrospective, where individuals review their successes and challenges. This not only helps in planning for the future but also reminds people to appreciate their growth and the lessons they have learned.

These traditions, whether through writing, celebration, or food, symbolize the importance of new beginnings and unity.

Questions:

0. *What is the main idea of the passage?*

- A. *The different ways people celebrate the new year*
- B. *How traditions are linked to food and writing*
- C. *A comparison between resolution journals and gratitude journals*
- D. *Why food is important during the new year*

1. What is the purpose of a gratitude journal, as described in the text?

- A. To set goals for the upcoming year
- B. To reflect on successes and challenges
- C. To focus on appreciating everyday moments
- D. To track progress toward achieving goals

2. According to the passage, why are fish dishes significant during the lunar new year?

- A. They are a luxurious treat only eaten on special occasions
- B. They symbolize prosperity and unity
- C. They bring good health for the entire year
- D. They represent the closing of the previous year

3. The word “abundance” in the passage is closest in meaning to:

- A. plenty
- B. improvement
- C. few
- D. balance

4. What does the retrospective practice help people do?

- A. Focus on daily gratitude
- B. Set new year resolutions
- C. Reflect on growth and lessons learned
- D. Celebrate with traditional foods

5. Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as part of new year celebrations?

- A. Writing journals for reflection
- B. Reviewing challenges and successes
- C. Eating symbolic foods
- D. Performing dances and rituals

II. Some phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. Fill in the blanks with the letters that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

The new year is a time of excitement and hope, marked by (0) **F**. Across the world, people engage in unique holiday traditions to celebrate this occasion. These traditions are meant to bring good fortune, happiness, and prosperity in the year to come.

One popular activity is writing in a resolution journal or starting a gratitude journal, (1) _____. This habit helps people stay grounded and motivated, encouraging them to reflect on the past and look forward to a brighter future.

Celebrations often feature iconic moments such as the Times Square ball drop in New York City or firework displays across major cities. (2) _____. These events emphasize the importance of unity and optimism as people gather to welcome the new year.

In some cultures, like during the lunar new year, people participate in special rituals and enjoy traditional foods that symbolize health and wealth. (3) _____. These customs vary from culture to culture but share a common goal of starting the year with positivity.

Another aspect of the new year involves looking back with a retrospective on the events of the previous year. (4) _____. This reflection helps people celebrate their successes and learn from their challenges.

As new beginnings unfold, people set goals to work towards throughout the year. This tradition of goal-setting is one of the most universal practices, (5) _____.

Options:

- A. These events are broadcast to millions of viewers, spreading the excitement across the globe
- B. which serves as a space to record hopes, dreams, and moments of gratitude
- C. Reflecting on both successes and challenges allows people to appreciate their progress and prepare for what lies ahead
- D. making it a deeply rooted part of starting afresh in the new year
- E. For example, families may clean their homes to sweep away bad fortune and prepare for blessings in the year ahead
- F. *the excitement of new beginnings and hope for a brighter future*

D. FCE LISTENING

Lưu ý:

- Khi làm bài tập có từ mới, các con phải tra từ điển. Sau khi tra từ điển, các con chép mỗi từ mới **1 dòng** để ghi nhớ.
- Các con gạch chân các từ khoá chính trong bài đọc.

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Test 3 Listening • Part 3

 33 You will hear five teenage writers talking about the process of creative writing. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (A–H) the advice each speaker gives. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A Ask friends to read and comment on your writing.

B Add new characters to make your writing more lively.

Speaker 1

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C Don't plan your ending too soon.

Speaker 2

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D Write at speed and then go back and improve your writing.

Speaker 3

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E Don't become discouraged when you're stuck for ideas.

Speaker 4

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F Experiment with how your writing sounds.

Speaker 5

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G Don't get distracted while you're writing.

H Read the work of great writers for inspiration.

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Test 3 Listening • Part 4

 34 You will hear an interview with a young guitarist called Tom, whose band has just won a national music competition. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Tom started playing the electric guitar because

- A he was encouraged to do so by his parents.
- B he found certain pieces of guitar music appealing.
- C he failed to make progress on other instruments.

25 What did Tom love about his new electric guitar?

- A It filled him with confidence when he performed in public.
- B It helped him make friends because he could play so well.
- C It made him look like a rock star in his photos.

26 What did Tom realise when he started looking for a personal guitar tutor?

- A He would prefer to be taught by a tutor online.
- B Progress would depend on his relationship with his tutor.
- C It would be possible for him to improve quickly without a tutor's help.

27 How did Tom feel when he discovered he'd lost his guitar?

- A furious with himself for having been so careless
- B pessimistic about his chances of getting it back
- C determined to replace it as quickly as possible

28 Once Tom was reunited with his electric guitar, he found

- A the instrument looked more sophisticated than he'd remembered
- B it was easier than he'd thought to instantly start playing.
- C the discomfort of playing was far less than he'd expected.

29 Tom thinks that in comparison with other instruments, the electric guitar

- A can produce a greater volume.
- B is easier to transport and practise on.
- C is more suited to being played in a group.

30 What did Tom feel about the response of an audience member during the competition?

- A put off by the way he copied Tom's actions.
- B flattered that he was so impressed by Tom's playing.
- C embarrassed that he valued Tom's talent so highly.