

# Happy New Year

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1. The idea that New Year's Day has always been on January 1 is recent. **True / False**
2. The earliest known large-scale New Year festival was the Chinese New Year. **True / False**
3. Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar in 46 BC. **True / False**
4. During the Middle Ages, all of Europe celebrated New Year's on January 1. **True / False**
5. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582 to restore January 1 as the widely accepted start of the year. **True / False**
6. Which two celebrations mark the Jewish and Islamic New Year?  
A) Chinese New Year and Rosh Hashanah B) Rosh Hashanah and Muharram  
C) Muharram and Chinese New Year D) Vasilopita and Rosh Hashanah
7. The Chinese New Year always begins on January 1. **True / False**
8. In Spain, eating 12 grapes at midnight is a tradition for good luck. **True / False**
9. Vasilopita, a Greek cake, may contain a hidden coin to bring fortune to the finder.  
**True / False**
10. What food is eaten in Japan during the New Year to represent long life?  
A) Dumplings B) 12 grapes C) Long buckwheat noodles D) Ring-shaped cake with a coin
11. Long buckwheat noodles are eaten in China to represent long life. **True / False**
12. The Times Square ball drop in New York City started in the 20th century. **True / False**