

**1 READING**

- a When is New Year's Eve? Is it an important celebration in your country?
- b Read three stories. Who had...?
- a great evening
  - an OK evening
  - a terrible evening

# NEW YEAR'S EVE – ONE TO REMEMBER OR ONE TO FORGET?

**MINA** This was last year, and I went to a hotel with some friends. It had a bar on the top floor, and that's where the party was. We got there at about 11.00.

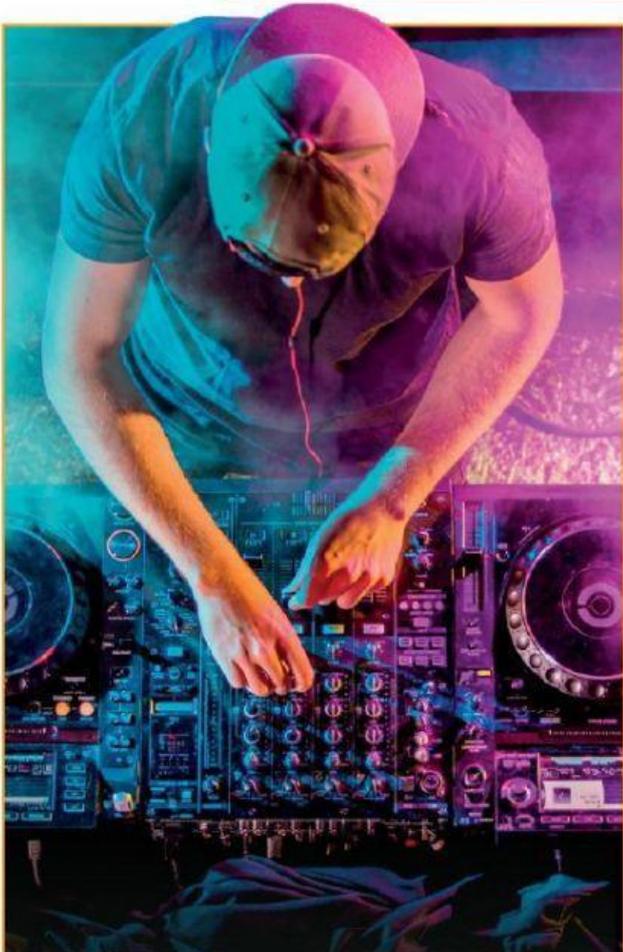
- 05 About half an hour before midnight I realized I didn't have my phone – it was in my car. So I took the lift down to the car park. I found my phone, and then I got back into the lift – I was the
- 10 only person in it. But then, between the third and fourth floors, the lift stopped completely and I couldn't get out. I pressed the button and asked for help, but a guy said there was an electrical
- 15 fault and I needed to wait. Then a few minutes later, I could hear people outside celebrating. It was awful – I didn't get out until almost 1.00 in the morning. And on top of it all, my friends
- 20 didn't realize that I wasn't there!





## JENNY

I had a fantastic New Year's Eve in Iceland in 2013. First, we went to a really expensive restaurant for dinner. It was early, about 6.00, because that's when people have dinner in Iceland. I wore a lovely dress, but after dinner we got a taxi back to the hotel and I put on boots and a warm jacket. Then we went out and watched the amazing fireworks. Suddenly, at about 10.00, everyone went home to watch TV – there's this famous programme they always watch on New Year's Eve! It was really strange – the streets were empty for a bit. But then just before midnight people came out again and danced and drank till about 5.00 in the morning. It was incredible.



## 30 ANDY

I'm a DJ, and this happened to me a few years ago. It was my first time at a New Year's Eve party, and I planned all the music really carefully. I knew exactly which tracks I was going to play. The first part of the night was fine, but just when I thought it was time to start the countdown to midnight, I saw that people were all at the bar, not on the dance floor, and the TVs were on. On the screens I could see fireworks, and Big Ben! I looked at my watch and I realized it was about two minutes slow! I felt really stupid. I bought a new watch the next day!

c Read the stories again. Complete the sentences with **A** (Andy), **J** (Jenny), or **M** (Mina).

- 1 \_\_\_\_ was outside at midnight.
- 2 \_\_\_\_ didn't know exactly when midnight was.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ was alone at midnight.
- 4 \_\_\_\_ was at work at midnight.
- 5 \_\_\_\_ heard the celebrations, but didn't see them.
- 6 \_\_\_\_ was surprised by something people did.

- d How do people celebrate New Year's Eve in your country? Do you think most people enjoy it? Why (not)?

## 2 GRAMMAR past simple: irregular verbs

- a With a partner, find the past tense of these irregular verbs in the stories.

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can	_____	/kʌd/
come	_____	/keɪm/
drink	_____	/dræŋk/
feel	_____	/felt/
find	_____	/faʊnd/
get	_____	/gɒt/
go	_____	/went/
have	_____	/həd/
know	_____	/nju:/
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take	_____	/tʊk/
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Listen and  
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Practice the  
pronunciation

