

Out with the old, in with the new!

Chinese

the USA

In the Philippines

In England

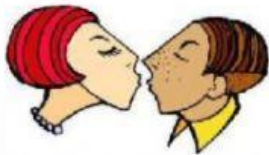
In Spain

In Brazil

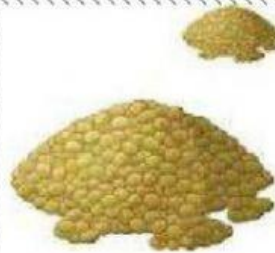
Italians

New Year's celebrations all over the world

Read the text and answer the questions.



In _____, people
countdown from 10 to 0.
After that, they kiss the
person who is next to them.
The most famous place to
do this is Times Square, in Manhattan, New
York.



_____ eat lentils at their
dinner. They also have to
throw away old things. This
tradition means good luck
for the New Year.



_____, people have a big family
dinner. At midnight they eat 12
grapes. They also wear something
red to welcome the New Year.



_____ celebrate their New
Year's Eve in February. They
make rituals against bad
spirits using fireworks and
noise.



_____, people go to the beach. They sing and
dance and they throw flowers
into the water to honor
Iemanjá, an African goddess.
One of the most famous places
to do this is in Copacabana
beach. There is also a big
firework.



_____, people eat a
typical dessert - the
'Christmas pudding'. Each
family has their personal
recipe of this.



_____, people
open all doors and windows
in the house in order to
allow negative energy to
leave and good energy to
enter.

How do you celebrate the New Year?

1. When is New Year celebrated in your culture?
2. Do you celebrate New Year's Eve and the New Year? How do you celebrate it?
3. Why might some people not like New Year's Eve?
4. How might the things below be connected with New Year celebrations and traditions?
 - confetti
 - fireworks
 - mask
 - suitcase
 - yellow underwear
5. Do you know any New Year traditions from other cultures/countries?
6. Are you going to **make** any New Year's **resolutions**?
7. Do you **reflect back** on the year at the end of December or **move on**?