

NEW YEAR IN BELARUS

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The most important New Year _____ is a fir tree – an _____ tree, a symbol of life. New Year trees are put _____ and outside houses a few days before the holiday. But in shops, at schools, universities, in offices – practically everywhere – New Year trees and multicoloured lights are _____ up long before the holiday. It fills people with joy of the coming holiday, which is the most beautiful and happiest holiday of the year. This fairy tale will last till the middle of January, when the decorations will be _____ down.

On New Year's Eve everybody _____ up till midnight. The New Year is _____ in with a lot of enthusiasm, with new hopes and new wishes. People talk, eat and drink, play board games, sing karaoke and watch television. Then a few minutes before _____ the President's New Year Message is shown on TV. As soon as the clock starts _____ midnight, sparklers (бенгальские огни) are lit and a wish for the New Year is thought of. At this moment there are small and large _____ in the sky. People wish each other good health and good _____ for the coming year. At this moment they show that they really _____ about each other.