

# WHAT IS HOGMANAY?



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Watch the video from the YouTube channel *Explore Planet English* and decide whether these sentences are true or false.

- Hogmanay is the Scottish word for the first day of the year.  
a) True                      b) False
- Hogmanay is generally regarded as the most important Scottish holiday.  
a) True                      b) False
- Hogmanay celebrations take place on 31<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.  
a) True                      b) False
- The second of January is a bank holiday in Scotland.  
a) True                      b) False
- Hogmanay is only celebrated in Scotland.  
a) True                      b) False
- The origins of Hogmanay celebrations are uncertain.  
a) True                      b) False
- Some historians say that Mary, Queen of Scots, brought the tradition from Italy to Scotland in 16<sup>th</sup> century.  
a) True                      b) False
- Christmas was outlawed in Scotland in 1640 and it was illegal for nearly 400 years.  
a) True                      b) False
- Christmas became an official public holiday in Scotland in 1948.  
a) True                      b) False
- The New Year Festival became a more important holiday than Christmas in Scotland.  
a) True                      b) False
- Scottish people exchange gifts and visit their friends and neighbours on Hogmanay.  
a) True                      b) False
- The most widespread custom in Scotland is the practice of first footing.  
a) True                      b) False
- Black bun is a type of bread which is eaten in Scotland on Hogmanay.  
a) True                      b) False
- If the first foot is a tall fair-haired man, it is said to bring extra luck.  
a) True                      b) False
- The Hogmanay custom of singing "Auld Lang Syne" is a popular New Year's tradition in English-speaking countries.  
a) True                      b) False
- "Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish poem by Robert Burns which remembers lost friends and family.  
a) True                      b) False
- People usually sing "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight with their arms crossed and hands joined.  
a) True                      b) False
- The "Loony Dook" is associated with the Hogmanay celebrations in Glasgow.  
a) True                      b) False
- Scottish people clean the house from top to bottom in preparation for Hogmanay.  
a) True                      b) False
- The Edinburgh Hogmanay celebrations are among the largest in the world.  
a) True                      b) False