

I will learn about how people celebrate New Year's Eve around the world.

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Look, listen, and read.
Why are the foods special?

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bell chime coal luck ring

New Year's Eve

People all over the world celebrate New Year's Eve on the night of December 31st. It's the last day of the year, and there are a lot of parties. But celebrations at midnight are very different in different places.



In Spain, people eat twelve grapes at twelve o'clock – one with every chime of the clock. People think that the grapes bring good luck for the next year. Then there are fireworks.



In Scotland, New Year's Eve is called Hogmanay. At midnight, people hold hands and sing a special song about old friends. Then they visit their friends' and family's homes. The first person through the door gives a piece of coal to bring good luck to the family.



In Japan, people eat a special noodle soup on New Year's Eve for good luck. They eat the soup and listen to a bell ring 108 times at midnight. They believe the bell takes away 108 bad things before the New Year.

17 Look at 16. Match.

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| 1 Spain | a listen to something |
| 2 Scotland | b sing a song |
| 3 Japan | c eat fruit |



What do people in your country do when they want good luck? Do you think it works?