



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

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### It's the biggest party of the year 全年最大的欢庆聚会

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

For lots of people in Britain, the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, or **New Year's Eve** as we call it, is the biggest party of the year. It's a time to get together with friends or family and welcome in the coming year.

New Year's parties can take place at a number of different venues. Some people hold a house party; others attend street parties, while some just go to their local for a few drinks with their mates. Big cities, like London, have large and spectacular fireworks displays.

There's one thing that all New Year's Eve parties have in common: the countdown to midnight. When the clock strikes twelve, revellers give a loud cheer, pop champagne corks and give each other a kiss.

They then link arms and sing a song called **Auld Lang's Syne**, by a Scottish poet called Robert Burns. Not many people can remember all the lyrics, but the tune is well known, so lots of people just hum along.

The parties then continue into the early hours of the morning with lots of dancing and drinking. Because of this, for a lot of people **New Year's Day** starts with a hangover. Other people might spend the day visiting relatives or friends they haven't managed to catch up with for a while. Whatever happens, **New Year's Day** tends to be very relaxed.

In Britain, it's popular to make a promise to yourself about something you are going to do, or want to stop doing, in the New Year. This is called a **New Year's resolution**. Typical resolutions include giving up smoking and joining a gym to get fit. However, the promise is often broken quite quickly and people are back into their bad habits within weeks or days.

**New Year's Day** is the last bank holiday of the festive season, which means most people have to go to work the next day: bright and fresh and ready for the new year ahead!

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>New Year's Eve</b> – 元旦前夜	<b>welcome in</b> – 迎接
<b>venues</b> – 地点	<b>attend</b> – 参加
<b>local</b> – 当地的	<b>mates</b> – 伙伴；好朋友
<b>fireworks displays</b> – 烟花展	<b>countdown</b> – 倒计时
<b>revellers</b> – 欢庆聚会者	<b>pop</b> – (香槟酒) 瓶塞弹跳而出
<b>Auld Lang's Syne</b> – 友谊地久天长	<b>lyrics</b> – 歌词
<b>hum</b> – 哼唱 (小调)	<b>New Year's Day</b> – 元旦日
<b>hangover</b> - 喝醉酒后隔天早上醒来头痛	<b>New Year's resolution</b> – 新年决心
<b>get fit</b> – 健身	<b>bad habits</b> – 恶习
<b>bank holiday</b> – 公共假日	<b>festive season</b> – 节日气氛浓厚的季节

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. People celebrate New Year's Eve on January 1st. True / False
2. Big cities often put on fireworks displays. True / False
3. British people usually sing a Scottish song at midnight on New Year's Eve.  
True / False
4. Lots of people feel bad on New Year's Day because they drank too much alcohol the night before. True / False
5. People all ways keep their promises to themselves after New Year.  
True / False

## 2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words). 熟读了上文后, 请用1-6个词简单地回答下列问题.

1. When is New Year's Day?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What do people do on New Year's Eve?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who was Auld Lang's Syne written by?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What do people get if they drink too much alcohol?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the name of the promise people make to themselves?

\_\_\_\_\_

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c. 从a, b, c中选出正确答案.

6. New Year's Eve is the biggest party of the \_\_\_\_\_

- a. century                      b. year                      c. month

7. Often people attend \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. street parties              b. churches              c. hospitals

8. People \_\_\_\_\_ to midnight.

- a. sing                      b. count up              c. countdown

9. I made a New Year's \_\_\_\_\_ to give up smoking.

- a. promise                      b. vow                      c. resolution

10. There are three \_\_\_\_\_ over the festive season.

- a. bank holidays              b. free days              c. working days

### 3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. Parties go people to New Year's Eve often.
2. Countdown the midnight the important parties part New Year's to is an of.
3. Scottish song Auld Lang's Syne sing people a called.
4. Much drink often too people alcohol hangover day next have and a the.
5. Festive last holiday bank New Year's Day is the of the.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with New Year's Eve in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m).

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与元旦前夜有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

f	a	b	c	d	x	t	h	h	a	s	y
i	r	e	o	e	p	v	o	e	p	t	p
r	i	o	u	l	s	r	l	o	c	a	l
e	e	j	n	j	f	p	l	h	v	x	p
w	p	g	t	h	a	b	i	t	s	p	s
o	o	w	d	g	h	v	r	l	o	f	e
r	e	s	o	l	u	t	i	o	n	e	f
k	w	d	w	j	m	p	r	c	p	s	s
s	t	n	n	e	c	d	u	a	u	t	v
k	p	d	f	a	v	p	e	l	e	i	s
l	h	a	n	g	o	v	e	r	s	v	k
r	e	v	e	l	l	e	r	s	t	e	m

fireworks	resolution	bank holiday	festive	hum
countdown	revellers	hangover	habits	local

## Answers 答案

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以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假?请圈出正确答案。

1. People celebrate New Year's Eve on January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
False
2. Big cities often put on fireworks displays. True
3. British people usually sing a Scottish song at midnight on New Year's Eve. True
4. Lots of people feel bad on New Year's Day because they drank too much alcohol the night before. True
5. People always keep their promises to themselves after New Year. False

### 3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列,组成一个正确的句子。

1. People often go to New Year's.
2. The countdown to midnight is an important part of New Year's parties.
3. People sing a Scottish song called Auld Lang's Syne.
4. People often drink too much alcohol and have a hangover the next day.
5. New Year's Day is the last bank holiday of the festive season.

### 2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words).  
熟读了上文后,请用1-6个词简单地回答下列问题。

1. New Year's Day is January first.
2. People go to house parties, street parties, their local pub and fireworks displays
3. Auld Lang's Syne was written by a Scottish poet called Robert Burns
4. People get a hangover if they drink too much alcohol.
5. The promise is called a New Year's resolution?

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c. 从a, b, c中选出正确答案。

6. New Year's Eve is the biggest party of the b. year
7. Often people attend a. street parties.
8. People c. countdown to midnight.
9. I made a New Year's c. resolution to give up smoking.
10. There are three a. bank holidays over the festive season.

### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

f			c									
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