

topic: **HOLIDAYS | New Year's Eve/ New Year's Day**

*Fill in each blank space with the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**:*

New Year's Day (January 1st) is the first day of the year in the Gregorian (1) _____ (schedule/calendar).

New Year's Eve (December 31) is a time for (2) _____ (party/parties) and celebrations. These celebrations culminate with the (3) _____ (ringing/calling) in of the new year at midnight.

Many cities around the world have (4) _____ (spectacular/spectacled) fireworks displays at midnight on New Year's Eve. Some of the best known are in Sydney, New York, and London.

In New York City, a lot of people (5) _____ (gather/collect) on Times Square to watch the traditional "ball-dropping" ceremony (6) _____ (right/correct) before midnight.

A new year's (7) _____ (resolution/resolve) is a decision one makes to change something in the new year, for example - quitting smoking, losing weight, etc.

Many people don't follow (8) _____ (through/around) on these (9) _____ (resolutions/resolves).

It is quite common to (10) _____ (test/toast) the new year with champagne.

New Year's Day is an official holiday in many countries. People are most likely given the day off work to (11) _____ (recover/review) from the previous night's parties.

In the time before (and after) New Year's Day, many radio and TV stations (12) _____ (broadcast/publish) various "best of the year" lists. Numerous magazines and newspapers (13) _____ (broadcast/publish) the same types of lists.

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ANSWERS:

1)calendar 2)parties 3)ringing 4)spectacular 5)gather 6)right 7)resolution
8)through 9)resolutions 10)toast 11)recover 12)broadcast 13)publish