NEW YEAR'S EVE QUIZ

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Twenty questions on Hogmanay, Auld Lang Syne and New Year traditions from around the world. Play in teams before the countdown.

Team name _____

Score /20

1 Who wrote the words of 'Auld Lang Syne' as we sing it today?

2 What does 'auld lang syne' roughly mean?

3 What is New Year's Eve called in Scotland?

4 Traditionally, who makes the luckiest first-foot after midnight?

5 Name one traditional gift a first-foot brings.

6 What is the rich fruit cake baked in pastry and eaten at Hogmanay?

7 In which Aberdeenshire town do people swing balls of fire at Hogmanay?

8 Which Shetland fire festival, with a Viking longship, is held each January?

9 Which day after New Year's Day is also a bank holiday in Scotland?

10 January is named after which two-faced Roman god?

11 The earliest Roman calendar started the year in which month?

12 Until 1752, the legal year in England began on which date?

13 Which famous London bell bongs midnight on TV?

14 What drops down a pole in New York's Times Square at midnight?

15 Which Australian city's Harbour Bridge fireworks are some of the first big displays?

16 When it's midnight in Auckland on New Year's Eve, what time is it in the UK?

17 In Spain, how many grapes do people eat as the clock strikes midnight?

18 In Japan, how many times are temple bells rung to see in the New Year?

19 In Brazil, what colour do most people wear on New Year's Eve?

20 In Denmark, what do people jump off at midnight to 'leap' into the New Year?

ANSWERS

The answers

1 **Robert Burns** Who wrote the words of ‘Auld Lang Syne’ as we sing it today?

2 **Old long since (days gone by)** What does ‘auld lang syne’ roughly mean?

3 **Hogmanay** What is New Year’s Eve called in Scotland?

4 **A tall, dark-haired man** Traditionally, who makes the luckiest first-foot after midnight?

5 **Coal, shortbread, black bun, salt or whisky** Name one traditional gift a first-foot brings.

6 **Black bun** What is the rich fruit cake baked in pastry and eaten at Hogmanay?

7 **Stonehaven** In which Aberdeenshire town do people swing balls of fire at Hogmanay?

8 **Up Helly Aa** Which Shetland fire festival, with a Viking longship, is held each January?

9 **2 January** Which day after New Year’s Day is also a bank holiday in Scotland?

10 **Janus** January is named after which two-faced Roman god?

11 **March** The earliest Roman calendar started the year in which month?

12 **25 March (Lady Day)** Until 1752, the legal year in England began on which date?

13 **Big Ben** Which famous London bell bongs midnight on TV?

14 **A giant ball** What drops down a pole in New York’s Times Square at midnight?

15 **Sydney** Which Australian city’s Harbour Bridge fireworks are some of the first big displays?

16 **11am** When it’s midnight in Auckland on New Year’s Eve, what time is it in the UK?

17 **Twelve** In Spain, how many grapes do people eat as the clock strikes midnight?

18 **108** In Japan, how many times are temple bells rung to see in the New Year?

19 **White** In Brazil, what colour do most people wear on New Year’s Eve?

20 **Chairs** In Denmark, what do people jump off at midnight to ‘leap’ into the New Year?