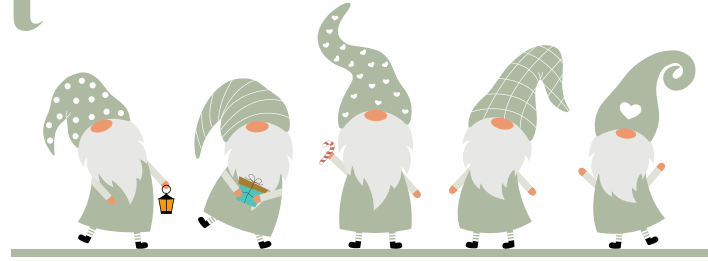


Ring in a Fresh Start With Some New Year's Trivia



New Year's True or False Questions

1. Approximately 1 million people in the world watch the Times Square ball drop.
2. In Japanese culture, eating long noodles on New Year's is believed to guarantee you a long life.
3. A common tradition in Spain is to ring in the New Year by eating 12 olives.
4. The most common New Year's resolution in the United States centers around leading a healthier lifestyle.
5. Ball drops were around long before the annual Times Square ball drop.
6. The original Times Square New Year's Eve ball weighed one ton.
7. Babylonians may have sparked the New Year's resolution trend by promising to pay off their debts in the new year.
8. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day fall on the same day of the week every year.

New Year's True or False Answers

1. False. Closer to 1 billion people around the world tune into the Times Square ball drop.
2. True
3. False. They eat 12 grapes, not olives, in conjunction with the 12 bongs of the clock on midnight.
4. True
5. True. A large ball atop England's Royal Observatory in Greenwich dropped at 1pm every day to help maritime navigation.
6. False. It weighed substantially less at around 700 pounds.
7. True
8. False. They usually land on a different day of the week from the year before.



New Year's History Trivia Questions

1. What year was the first documented New Year's Day celebration?
2. Which famous ancient leader established January 1st as the first day of the year?
3. In the ancient past, loud noises at New Year's celebrations were said to ward off what?
4. Instead of a ball drop in 1942-43, the Times Square Celebration featured what act?
5. World War I had what impact on the 1917 Times Square ball drop?
6. Which calendar marks January 1st as New Year's Day?
7. What computational event were people worried would have cataclysmic problems on New Year's Day of 2000?
8. A 1907 ban on what spurned the first New Year's Eve ball?
9. What unusual mistake was captured during the ball drop in 1996?

New Year's History Trivia Answers

1. 2,000 BCE in Mesopotamia
2. Julius Caesar
3. Demons and evil spirits
4. A moment of silence for the ongoing war
5. The celebration had to go dark because of coal rationing
6. The Gregorian Calendar
7. Y2K or the Year 2000 Problem
8. Fireworks
9. The now computerized ball drop system glitched, causing the ball to stop dropping

New Year's Traditions Trivia Questions

1. Eggs, whether given as gifts or eaten on New Year's, are a symbol of what?
2. Which legume does the American South love to consume on New Year's to bring them good fortune?
3. In which country do people feast on ring-shaped donut-like treats on New Year's Eve?
4. Not kissing the person next to you at midnight on New Year's Day is said to ensure you have a year full of what?



5. In Russia, one way to ring in the new year is by downing a glass of wine filled with what?
6. If you want to see the world in the coming year, what should you carry around the block with you?

New Year's History Trivia Answers

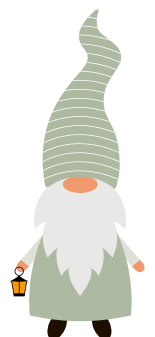
1. Productivity
2. Black-eyed peas
3. The Netherlands
4. Loneliness
5. The ashes of a piece of paper with your wishes written on it
6. An empty suitcase

New Year's Culture Questions

1. What does "Auld Lange Syne" mean in English?
2. What famed poet is credited with transcribing and rewriting the song Auld Lange Syne?
3. Which famous book — often credited with being the first published sci-fi novel in history — was published on New Year's Day, 1818?
4. Which famous jazz singer had a massive Christmas hit in the 1940s and then New Year's single in the 1960s?
5. The Times Square ball debuts what new feature every year?
6. How did Hollywood ring in the New Year during its Golden Age?
7. Today, it's common to watch the ball drop coverage on TV. What TV special sparked this longtime tradition?

New Year's Culture Answers

1. For Old Time's Sake
2. Scottish poet Robert Burns
3. Mary Shelley's Frankenstein
4. Nat "King" Cole
5. A new crystal design
6. With annual New Year's portraits of their beloved film stars
7. Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve special on ABC



Baby New Year Trivia Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is believed to have introduced the baby as a symbol for the New Year?
2. Which folklore character is said to bequeath Baby New Year with his position on New Year's Day?
3. Which famous illustrator created the Saturday Evening Post's first Baby New Year cover?
4. Which Claymation sequel brought back Rudolph and a cast of new characters on an adventure to find Happy, the new Baby New Year?
5. What year did the Saturday Evening Post stop printing their Baby New Year covers?

Baby New Year Trivia Answers

1. Ancient Greece
2. Father Time
3. J.C. Leyendecker
4. Rudolph's Shiny New Year
5. 1943

