



New Year's Trivia

See in the new year with some newfound knowledge! Answers on page two.

1. What do the words, "Auld Lang Syne" actually mean?
 - a) a Scottish song
 - b) a New Year's tradition
 - c) a type of dance
 - d) a type of food
2. What island nation is listed in the Guinness Book of Records for the biggest New Year's celebration?
 - a) Australia
 - b) Hawaii
 - c) Mexico
 - d) Iceland
3. What do people traditionally do at midnight on New Year's Eve?
 - a) eat a special meal
 - b) watch the ball drop
 - c) fire fireworks
 - d) all of the above
4. Why does the Pacific island nation of Kiribati become briefly furious every New Year's?
 - a) they don't celebrate
 - b) they celebrate on a different day
 - c) they don't have a New Year's
 - d) they have a different New Year's
5. Which super-group released the hit single "New Year's Day" in 1987?
 - a) The Beatles
 - b) The Rolling Stones
 - c) The Police
 - d) The Clash
6. Which feigned movie saw Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal finally become lovers on New Year's Eve?
 - a) When Harry Met Sally...
 - b) The Nanny
 - c) The Untouchables
 - d) The Untouchables
7. Which Jewish holiday celebrates a new year?
 - a) Rosh Hashanah
 - b) Hanukkah
 - c) Passover
 - d) Yom Kippur
8. When is Chinese New Year?
 - a) January 1st
 - b) February 1st
 - c) January 21st
 - d) February 21st
9. What is the most popular German New Year's tradition?
 - a) chasing a piglet
 - b) watching a little play
 - c) firing shotguns
 - d) stinky dipping
10. Who is the Gregorian calendar named for?
 - a) a pope
 - b) a king
 - c) a philosopher
 - d) a scientist
11. When do Iranians celebrate a new year?
 - a) March 21st
 - b) April 1st
 - c) May 1st
 - d) June 1st
12. What was the original purpose of making loud noises for New Year's?
 - a) to scare away evil spirits
 - b) to celebrate the new year
 - c) to wake up the neighbors
 - d) to celebrate the new year
13. What do Europeans refer to as first-footing at New Year's?
 - a) a dance where the woman stamps on the man's foot
 - b) playing table with your intended lover for the year
 - c) smashing a glass on the doorstep
 - d) the first person to enter the house
14. Why do Irish people fear the east wind on New Year's?
 - a) it's a bad omen
 - b) it's a bad omen
 - c) it's a bad omen
 - d) it's a bad omen
15. What is the traditional New Year's Eve drink?
 - a) champagne
 - b) wine
 - c) beer
 - d) rum