



# 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) kiss
  - b) eat
  - c) drink
  - d) dance
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 Holiday
  - c) Love and a Half
  - d) The Nanny
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) March 1st
  - d) April 1st
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
  - c) to wake up
  - d) to get attention
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 cold
  - b) it's noisy
  - c) it's smelly
  - d) it's scary
15. What is the traditional New Year's Eve drink?
  - a) champagne
  - b) wine
  - c) beer
  - d) juice