

# New Years Traditions Trivia Search

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- True or false? (Circle one)**  
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- True or false?**  
Only Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year.
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In northern India, Hindus celebrate the New Year in March.
- True or false?**  
Some African Americans eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day to bring good luck throughout the year.
- True or false?**  
If a person who celebrates Chinese New Year gives you a red envelope, it probably has money in it.
- Bahá'ís and Iranians call the New Year \_\_\_\_\_ and celebrate it at the vernal \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many people mark the start of a new year by making personal goals called New Year's \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you live in Cornwall, England, you might not let guests with \_\_\_\_\_ into your house on New Year morning, for fear of bad luck.
- January is named after the Roman god \_\_\_\_\_, the god of transitions and beginnings, who is often shown with two faces—one looking forward and one looking back.
- If you're celebrating the New Year in Cuba, you might want to be careful walking along the street at midnight. You could get hit with a \_\_\_\_\_ thrown from a doorway.
- If you live in England and a man dressed in black comes to your door at midnight as the year changes, he will probably give you  
a) a shiny penny   b) a lump of coal   c) a four-leaf clover   d) a sweet cake
- In many Spanish-speaking countries, people try to eat one of the following things with each stroke of the clock at midnight:  
a) olive   b) cookie   c) grape   d) oyster
- Saint Basil's cakes, a traditional New Year's food in Greece, contain which surprise?  
a) a coin   b) a tiny toy   c) a chocolate chip   d) a pearl
- Rosh Hashanah is the name of the new year for people of which faith?  
a) Judaism   b) Islam   c) Hinduism   d) Christianity
- People mark the stroke of New Year's stoke of midnight with  
a) kisses   b) fireworks   c) confetti   d) all of these



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and celebrate it at the vernal equinox.
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# Great Migrations

Throughout history, individuals or groups of people have left their homes to seek new lives in new places. Learn about an example of these important migrations that changed lives and shaped history as you complete this guide.

**Directions:** Read the assigned book. Find and read a nonfiction book about the same topic. Make notes on the guide as you read. Then write a two-page report based on both books. Cover the points in the guide.

Title and author of assigned book: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title and author of nonfiction book I found: \_\_\_\_\_

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What people or group of people is it about? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did they move from? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did they move to? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did they move? What were they hoping for? \_\_\_\_\_

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What challenges did they face? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did moving change their lives? \_\_\_\_\_

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If they were part of a larger migration of people, how did that migration change the history of their new homes? How did they influence the culture around them? \_\_\_\_\_

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