

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–e next to the numbers 1–5.

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| 1..... to stay up           | a. to strongly decide that you are going to do something |
| 2..... Hogmanay             | b. 31 December   |
| 3..... to make a resolution | c. 1 January   |
| 4..... New Year's Eve       | d. to stay awake and not go to bed at your usual time    |
| 5..... New Year's Day       | e. the name of the New Year celebrations in Scotland     |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | New Year's Eve is on 31 December every year.                             | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | New Year's resolutions often involve health and money.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Hogmanay is celebrated at New Year in England.                           | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | It's traditional to go swimming in Brighton on New Year's Eve.           | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | People sing a song called 'Auld Lang Syne' at the start of the new year. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Most British people know all the words to 'Auld Lang Syne'.              | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

### 2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with the correct name from the box. Use each name twice.

Ben	Mary	Sophie	Stuart
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- \_\_\_\_\_ is going to a street party in Scotland.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is going to sing a song.
- \_\_\_\_\_ will be in a foreign country on New Year's Eve.
- \_\_\_\_\_ wants to stop biting her nails.
- \_\_\_\_\_ isn't going to make any New Year's resolutions.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't like parties.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ wants to learn to play a musical instrument.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ wants to have a healthier diet.

### 3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box.

do	be	study	go
eat	spend	save up	remember

1. \_\_\_\_\_ nicer to my little brother
2. \_\_\_\_\_ my girlfriend's birthday this year
3. \_\_\_\_\_ less junk food
4. \_\_\_\_\_ running every day
5. \_\_\_\_\_ my homework on time
6. \_\_\_\_\_ hard to get good grades for university
7. \_\_\_\_\_ less money on clothes
8. \_\_\_\_\_ for a motorbike

#### Discussion

How do you usually celebrate New Year's Eve?

When is New Year in your country?

Do you make any resolutions? What resolutions would you make?

Do you like to spend New Year with your friends or with your family?