New Year

Seviye A2–B1 · Okuma · Yazma

Warm-up

- How did you spend last New Year's Eve?
- What was the best thing that happened to you last year?

Reading

In many countries, people say goodbye to the old year on the night of 31 December. At midnight, they count down from ten, hug each other and shout “Happy New Year!” In big cities, there are often fireworks.

Traditions are different around the world. In Spain, people eat twelve grapes at midnight, one for each stroke of the clock. In Scotland, the celebration is called Hogmanay. In Türkiye, many families get together for a big dinner, decorate a New Year tree and play tombala, a game with numbered pieces.

New Year is also a time for new beginnings. Many people make New Year's resolutions – promises to change something in their life. “I will read one book every month” or “I will drink more water” are popular examples. Unfortunately, many people forget their resolutions by February!

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
midnight	gece yarısı	*The shop closes at midnight.*
count down	geri saymak	*Let's count down from ten!*
fireworks	havai fişek	*We watched the fireworks from the balcony.*
tradition	gelenek	*Eating together is an old family tradition.*
get together	bir araya gelmek	*We get together every Sunday.*

resolution	yeni yıl kararı	*My resolution is to do more sport.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
will (söz / karar)	I will exercise more. / I'll call my grandparents every week.
won't (olumsuz söz)	I won't eat so much sugar.
Kutlama	Happy New Year! / All the best for the new year!

Discussion

1. How do you celebrate New Year with your family?
2. Do you make New Year's resolutions? Do you keep them?
3. Which New Year tradition from the text would you like to try?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. What do people eat at midnight in Spain?

   a) Twelve grapes
   b) A cake
   c) Twelve sweets
   d) Fish

2. What is tombala?

   a) A New Year song
   b) A game with numbered pieces
   c) A kind of dessert
   d) A type of firework

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

3. At _____, people shout “Happy New Year!”

4. I _____ read one book every month. (söz)

5. I _____ eat so much sugar next year. (olumsuz söz)

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

6. In Scotland, the New Year celebration is called Hogmanay. ( )

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write three New Year's resolutions. Use “will” and “won't” and give a reason for each.

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