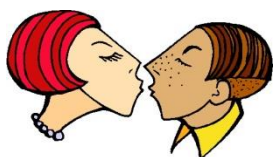


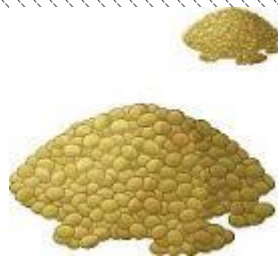
# New Years' celebrations all over the world

Read the text and answer the questions.



In the USA, people countdown from 10 to 0. After that, they kiss the person who is next to them. The most famous place to

do this is Times Square, in Manhattan, New York.



Italians eat lentils at their dinner. They also have to throw away old things. This tradition means good luck for the New Year.



In Spain, people have a big family dinner. At midnight they eat 12 grapes. They also wear something red to welcome the New Year.



Chinese celebrate their New Year's Eve in February. They make rituals against bad spirits using fireworks and noise.

In Brazil, people go to the beach. They sing and dance and they throw flowers into the water to honor Iemanjá, an African goddess. One of the most famous places to do this is in Copacabana beach. There is also a big



firework.



In England, people eat a typical dessert - the 'Christmas pudding'. Each family has their personal recipe of this.



**In the Philippines**, people open all doors and windows in the house in order to allow negative energy to leave and good energy to enter.

How do you celebrate the New Year?

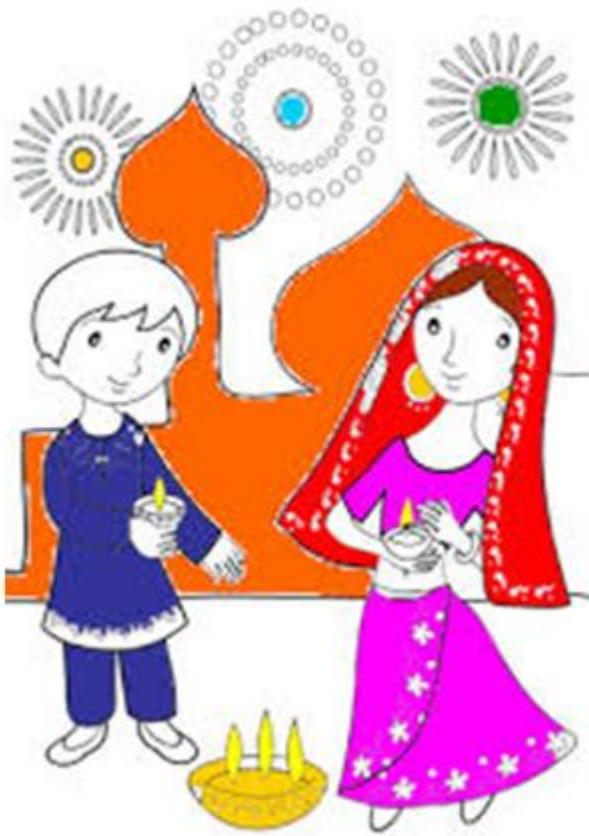
**In which country does this happen.**

They throw flowers into the water.....  
 They open doors and windows.....  
 The New Year is in February.....  
 They like eating a big dinner.....  
 They eat grapes.....  
 They fight the bad spirits.....  
 They honor an African goddess.....  
 They eat a special dessert.....  
 They kiss the person next to them.....  
 They go to Copacabana to watch the firework.....  
 They wear something red.....

**Answer Yes or No.**

- Americans throw flowers into the water ( )
- The most famous place in Brazil to celebrate the New Year is Time Square ( )
- In Italy, people eat lentils. ( )
- Chinese go to the beach. ( )
- In Brazil, people dance and sing. ( )
- People wear something red in the USA. ( )
- Iemanjá is a goddess from the Philippines. ( )
- People open the door to let good energy in. ( )

# Diwali



Hindus celebrate the New Year in October or November with a festival called Diwali, the festival of lights. It can take up to 5 days.

It is a very exciting and colorful holiday. People clean their house to welcome the New Year and open the windows to invite Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, to enter. People put many lights, so that she can find her way in. That's why the name of the festival is called the festival of lights.

Children don't go to school. People give presents and cook special food. They also wear new clothes. There are fireworks to expel the evil spirits.

The last day of the holiday is a special day for brothers and sisters when brothers give special presents to their sisters.

## Answer the questions.

Who celebrates Diwali?

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When is Diwali celebrated?

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How long does the festival take?

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What is the festival like?

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What do people do in their home?

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Why do they open the windows and put on lights?

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Do the children go to school?

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Why are there fireworks?

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Why is the last day of the festival special?

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