Midnight Traditions

Compare ways people welcome the new year.

2.SS.5.2 "Compare traditions in your community with those practiced in other parts of the world."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline a sentence that shows how Nia's town and Japan are alike. Circle a sentence that shows how Spain's tradition is different from Nia's town.

A New Year in Three Places

1. In Nia's town, some neighbors meet on New Year's Eve. At midnight, they ring small bells to welcome the new year. Some share warm cider after the bells. Nia likes hearing the bells outside her window.
2. In Japan, some people hear temple bells ring on New Year's Eve. At many temples, a bell rings 108 times. Some families visit a shrine on New Year's Day. Like Nia's neighbors, they mark a new year with the sound of bells.
3. In Spain, some people eat 12 grapes as a clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve. They eat one grape for each chime. Like Nia's neighbors, they welcome the new year together, but their special midnight action is eating grapes.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are the traditions in Nia's town and Japan alike?

2. How is Spain's midnight tradition different from Nia's town's tradition?

3. How do sounds play different parts in the traditions in Japan and Spain?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a tradition in your community that is not in the passage. Write two sentences: tell what people do, then compare it with a tradition in Japan or Spain from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline a sentence that shows how Nia's town and Japan are alike. Circle a sentence that shows how Spain's tradition is different from Nia's town. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the traditions in Nia's town and Japan alike?	**People in both places use the sound of bells to mark the new year.**
2	How is Spain's midnight tradition different from Nia's town's tradition?	**Some people in Spain eat grapes at midnight, while Nia's neighbors ring small bells.**
3	How do sounds play different parts in the traditions in Japan and Spain?	**At many temples in Japan, a bell rings 108 times. In Spain, people eat a grape for each clock chime.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In my community, families light candles on birthday cakes. In Spain, some people eat grapes on New Year's Eve, so both traditions use food to celebrate, but they happen at different celebrations.

For the marking job, accept the final sentence of paragraph two as the similarity and the first sentence of paragraph three as the difference. For Your Turn, accept any specific community tradition with an accurate comparison to Japan or Spain.