

A Fresh Start

Read about New Year's Day and the ways people welcome a new year.

2.3.g "New Year's Day;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the date of New Year's Day, then underline three ways people welcome a new year to show what this holiday can look like.

New Year's Day

- ① New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1. It is the first day of a new calendar year. In the United States, it is a federal holiday. Many schools and offices are closed, and some families have the day off together.
- ② People welcome the new year in different ways. Some watch a ball drop at midnight on December 31. Others share a meal, call relatives, or make a promise called a resolution. A resolution is a goal someone hopes to work on during the year.
- ③ New Year's Day can also be a time to think about the past year. Families may talk about happy memories or goals for the months ahead. Celebrations look different from home to home, but they all mark the start of a new year.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 On what date is New Year's Day celebrated?

2 What is a resolution?

3 Name two ways people may welcome a new year.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about a New Year's Day tradition your family has or one you would like to try. Tell how it helps welcome the new year.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the date of New Year's Day, then underline three ways people welcome a new year to show what this holiday can look like. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	On what date is New Year's Day celebrated?	January 1.
2	What is a resolution?	A goal someone hopes to work on during the year.
3	Name two ways people may welcome a new year.	Answers may include watching a ball drop, sharing a meal, calling relatives, making a resolution, talking about memories, or talking about goals.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My family eats breakfast together on New Year's Day. We share one goal for the new year, so the meal helps us welcome its beginning.

Accept the stated date and the passage definition of resolution. For the open response, accept any appropriate tradition and a clear explanation of how it marks or welcomes a new year.