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## Countdown Quiz

**Directions:** Test your New Year's knowledge! Read each question carefully and write your answer in complete sentences. Use what you know about cultures, history, and celebrations around the world.

### New Year Trivia Challenge

1. What country is famous for dropping a huge crystal ball in Times Square at midnight on New Year's Eve?
2. In which country do people eat twelve grapes at midnight for good luck—one for each stroke of the clock?
3. What color do many people in Brazil wear on New Year's Eve to symbolize peace and renewal?
4. In Japan, temple bells are rung how many times to welcome the New Year?
5. Which ancient civilization is believed to have celebrated the first known New Year festival over 4,000 years ago?
6. What traditional Scottish song is sung around the world at midnight to welcome the New Year?
7. What food do many people in the southern United States eat on New Year's Day for good luck?
8. What is the name of the famous fireworks celebration held each year at the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
9. In the Philippines, people often fill their homes with what shape to attract wealth and prosperity?
10. What animal represents the Lunar New Year in 2025, according to the Chinese zodiac?

**Bonus Challenge:** Describe one New Year's tradition your family or culture celebrates and explain what it means to you.