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Countdown Quiz Answer Key

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| 1. The United States (specifically New York City). | 6. "Auld Lang Syne." |
| 2. Spain. | 7. Black-eyed peas. |
| 3. White. | 8. Sydney New Year's Eve Fireworks. |
| 4. 108 times. | 9. Round shapes (circles). |
| 5. The Babylonians. | 10. The Snake (2025 Chinese zodiac). |

Bonus: Answers will vary-should reflect understanding of cultural meaning and symbolism.

Teacher's Guide

Implementation Tips:

- Start with a quick class warm-up: ask students to share one fun fact they know about New Year's.
- Read each question aloud before students write answers to keep all grade levels engaged.
- Discuss answers after completion-students love hearing about new customs and symbols.

Differentiation Strategies:

- **Grades 4-6:** Allow partner or group discussions before writing answers.
- **Grades 7-9:** Encourage students to research and write one extra trivia question of their own.
- **Grades 10-12:** Have students analyze how these traditions reflect cultural values.
- **ELL Students:** Provide vocabulary support (e.g., prosperity, zodiac, tradition).