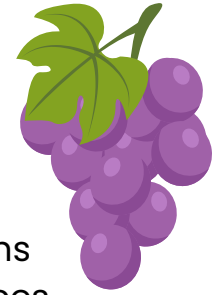


New Year's Traditions Reading Comprehension



Directions: Read the passage about New Year's traditions carefully. Answer each question using complete sentences, and use details from the text when evidence is requested. Then write a brief summary that states the main idea and the most important information from the passage.

People around the world celebrate the New Year in many different ways. These traditions often represent good luck, reflection, and new beginnings.

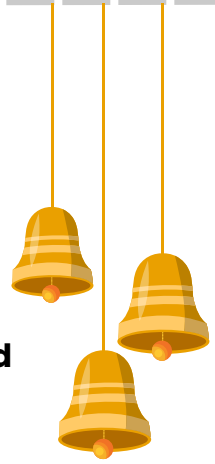
In the United States, many people celebrate by watching fireworks, attending parties, and counting down to midnight. When the clock strikes twelve, people often cheer and make New Year's resolutions to improve themselves in the coming year.

In Spain, people celebrate by eating twelve grapes at midnight, one for each chime of the clock. Each grape is meant to bring good luck for one month of the year, making the tradition both fun and challenging.

In Japan, the New Year is a time for reflection and renewal. Families often clean their homes before the new year begins, and temple bells are rung 108 times at midnight to represent letting go of negative thoughts from the past year.

Although these traditions are different, they all share the same purpose: helping people reflect on the past and prepare for a positive new beginning.

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1. According to the passage, why do people around the world celebrate New Year's traditions?

2. How does the tradition in Spain show that New Year's celebrations can be both meaningful and challenging? Use evidence from the text.

3. What does the Japanese tradition suggest about how people view the New Year? Support your answer with a detail from the passage.

4. What is the central idea of the passage?

5. Write a 2–3 sentence summary of the passage that includes only the most important information.