

Happy New Year!



Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you do on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day?

Definitions:

- Resolution – the fact of firmly deciding or promising to do something

Reading

16 It's 11:59 p.m. on December 31. There are only ten seconds left of the old
year. The countdown begins... ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one.
29 Happy New Year!! Horns and noisemakers blow. People drink champagne and
40 toast to the new year.

45 Alcohol is served at most New Year's Eve parties. In fact, drinking is a New
60 Year's Eve tradition for many people. Some of those who drink too much **attempt**
74 to drive home. These drunk drivers are at risk of killing themselves and others.

88 Drinking and driving is a deadly mix. It is dangerous and illegal. Drunk
101 driving is a large problem in the United States. About 17,000 people are killed by
116 drunk drivers every year.

119 Many cities have free buses and taxis on New Year's Eve. Those who drink
133 need to use them! Keep everyone safe in the new year. If you drink, don't drive.

149 January 1 is New Year's Day. It is a national holiday. Most people have the
164 day off of work. Some people spend a quiet day with family and friends. Football
179 fans spend hours watching college football games on TV.

188 Don't forget to make your New Year's resolution. Millions of Americans **vow**
200 to lose weight and exercise more. Some decide to save more money or learn a new
216 skill. How about reading a book a month or being nicer to your mother-in-law?

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Understanding

1. What do people do on New Year's Day? _____

2. What does the word **attempt** mean? _____

3. Why don't people have to go to work on January 1? _____

4. How many people are killed each year by drunk drivers? _____

5. What does the word **vow** mean? _____

6. If you've had too much to drink, what should you do? _____

Writing

Choice A: What do you do on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day?

Choice B: In your own words, summarize what you've learned about New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
