NEW YEAR’S EVE

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

New Year’s Eve is the last day of the year. It is always an exciting time because people look forward to welcoming a new year. It is also a good time to think back and say goodbye to the old year. New Year’s Eve is a national holiday for many people around the world. In a lot of countries, people go back to their hometown for the New Year, so the roads, trains and buses are packed. In England, there is always a New Year’s Eve party you can go to. The party is usually in someone’s home and the host invites friends, families and neighbours. The living room becomes a mini disco as everyone dances to loud music. Everyone then waits until midnight to hear Big Ben chime twelve times. That’s the signal a new year has arrived.

I have lots of good memories of New Year’s Eve. When I was very young, my parents let me stay up until midnight. This was very exciting and a special treat. When I became a teenager, I really looked forward to going to parties. I spent one freezing New Year’s Eve in Trafalgar Square in the centre of London. There were no trains to go home so I waited until morning outside the train station. It snowed. It was really cold. I also spent many wonderful New Year’s Eves in Japan. There, it is traditional to visit a shrine and pray for good things to happen. I think wherever you are, New Year’s Eve is always fun. Maybe the best way to welcome the New Year is by watching one of the many amazing fireworks displays in the world’s capital cities.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. people look forward to
2. It is also a good time to
3. the roads, trains and buses
4. there is always a New Year’s Eve
5. Everyone then waits until midnight
6. That’s the signal a

Paragraph 2

1. I have lots of good
2. my parents let me stay
3. I really looked forward
4. I waited until morning
5. it is traditional to visit a
6. one of the many amazing fireworks
LISTENING GAP FILL

New Year’s Eve is _______________ the year. It is always an exciting time because people look forward to welcoming a new year. It is also a good time _______________ say goodbye to the old year. New Year’s Eve is a national holiday for many people around the world. In a lot of countries, people go back to their hometown for the New Year, so the roads, trains and _______________. In England, there is always a New Year’s Eve party you can go to. The party is usually in someone’s home _______________ friends, families and neighbours. The living room becomes a mini disco as everyone dances to loud music. Everyone then waits until midnight to hear Big Ben chime twelve times. That’s _______________ year has arrived.

I _______________ memories of New Year’s Eve. When I was very young, my parents let me stay up until midnight. This was very exciting and _______________. When I became a teenager, I really looked forward to going to parties. I _______________ New Year’s Eve in Trafalgar Square in the centre of London. There were no trains to go home so I waited until morning outside the train station. It snowed. It was really cold. I also spent many wonderful New Year’s Eves in Japan. There, it is traditional _______________ and pray for good things to happen. I think wherever you are, New Year’s Eve is always fun. Maybe the best way to welcome the New Year is by watching _______________ amazing fireworks displays in the world’s capital cities.
NEW YEAR’S EVE

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

New Year’s Eve is the last day of the year. It is __________ an exciting time because people look __________ to welcoming a new year. It is also a good time to think __________ and say goodbye to the old year. New Year’s Eve is a national holiday for many people around the world. In a lot of countries, people go back to their hometown __________ the New Year, so the roads, trains and buses are packed. In England, there is always a New Year’s Eve __________ you can go to. The party is usually in someone’s home and the host __________ friends, families and neighbours. The living room becomes a mini disco as everyone __________ to loud music. Everyone then waits until midnight to hear Big Ben __________ twelve times. That’s the signal a new year has arrived.

I have lots of good __________ of New Year’s Eve. When I was very young, my parents let me __________ up until midnight. This was very exciting and a special treat. When I __________ a teenager, I really looked forward to going to parties. I __________ one freezing New Year’s Eve in Trafalgar Square in the centre of London. There were no trains to go home so I __________ until morning outside the train station. It snowed. It was really cold. I also spent many wonderful New Year’s Eves in Japan. There, it is traditional to __________ a shrine and pray for good things to happen. I think wherever you are, New Year’s Eve is always __________. Maybe the best way to welcome the New Year is by watching one of the many amazing fireworks __________ in the world’s capital cities.

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NEW YEAR’S EVE

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

New Year’s Eve is the *lasted / last* day of the year. It is always an exciting time because people look *backward / forward* to welcoming a new year. It is also a good time to think back and *say / said* goodbye to the old year. New Year’s Eve is a national holiday for many people around the world. In a lot of countries, people go back to their hometown *by / for* the New Year, so the roads, trains and buses are *unpacked / packed*. In England, there is always a New Year’s Eve party you can go to. The party is *usually / usual* in someone’s home and the host invites friends, families and neighbours. The *living / life* room becomes a mini disco as everyone dances to loud music. Everyone then waits until midnight to hear Big Ben chime twelve times. That’s the signal a new year has *arriving / arrived*.

I have lots of good *memory / memories* of New Year’s Eve. When I was very young, my parents let me stay *down / up* until midnight. This was very exciting and a special treat. When I became a teenager, I really looked forward to going to *party / parties*. I spent one freezing New Year’s Eve in Trafalgar Square in the centre of London. There were no trains to go home so I waited *before / until* morning outside the train station. It snowed. It was really cold. I also spent many *wonderful / wonderfully* New Year’s Eves in Japan. There, it is traditional *to / for* visit a shrine and pray for good things to happen. I think wherever you are, New Year’s Eve is always fun. Maybe the best *way / ways* to welcome the New Year is by watching one of the many amazing fireworks *display / displays* in the world’s capital cities.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

New Year’s Eve is the last day of the year. It is always an (1) ____ time because people look forward to welcoming a new year. It is also a good time to think (2) ____ and say goodbye to the old year. New Year’s Eve is a national holiday for many people around the world. In a (3) ____ of countries, people go back to their hometown for the New Year, so the roads, trains and buses are (4) ____. In England, there is always a New Year’s Eve party you can go to. The party is usually in someone’s home and the host invites friends, families and neighbours. The (5) ____ room becomes a mini disco as everyone dances to loud music. Everyone then waits until midnight to hear Big Ben chime twelve times. That’s the signal a new year (6) ____ arrived.

I have lots of good (7) ____ of New Year’s Eve. When I was very young, my parents let me stay up until midnight. This was very exciting and a special (8) ____. When I became a teenager, I really looked forward to going to parties. I spent one (9) ____ New Year’s Eve in Trafalgar Square in the centre of London. There were no trains to go home so I waited until morning outside the train station. It snowed. It was really cold. I also spent many wonderful New Year’s Eves in Japan. There, it is traditional (10) ____ visit a shrine and pray for good things to happen. I think wherever you are, New Year’s Eve is always fun. Maybe the best (11) ____ to welcome the New Year is by watching one of the many amazing fireworks (12) ____ in the world’s capital cities.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) exciting (b) excitement (c) excites (d) excite
2. (a) backwards (b) backing (c) back (d) backed
3. (a) lot (b) lots (c) loads (d) many
4. (a) pack (b) packed (c) packing (d) packs
5. (a) life (b) lived (c) live (d) living
6. (a) having (b) have to (c) has (d) have
7. (a) memory (b) memories (c) memorial (d) memorize
8. (a) treat (b) treating (c) treatment (d) treated
9. (a) freezer (b) freezes (c) freezing (d) froze
10. (a) at (b) for (c) of (d) to
11. (a) ways (b) way (c) weigh (d) way of
12. (a) display (b) displayed (c) displaying (d) displays
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. It is always an ntgxeici time
2. people look orfdraw to welcoming a new year
3. people go back to their hetwonom for the New Year
4. the host ievnsti friends, families and neighbours
5. everyone nsecad to loud music
6. That’s the langis a new year has arrived

Paragraph 2

7. I have lots of good msomieer of New Year’s Eve
8. I really looked forward to going to iarpest
9. in the tenrec of London
10. it is linrtaditao to visit a shrine and pray
11. pray for good things to eaphnp
12. many amazing fireworks pldiasys
many wonderful New Year’s Eves in Japan. There, it is traditional to visit a shrine and pray for good things.

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by watching one of the many amazing fireworks displays in the world’s capital cities.

forward to welcoming a new year. It is also a good time to think back and say goodbye to the old.
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. New is day year Eve last the Year’s the of

2. a welcoming to forward look people year new

3. their to back go people , countries of lot a In hometown

4. in home party usually someone’s The is

5. new a signal the That’s arrived has year

6. good New I of of Eve lots memories Year’s have

7. stay me let parents my midnight until up

8. were trains go There no to home

9. and shrine a visit things good for pray

10. cities capital world’s the in displays fireworks amazing
DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

6. ____________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

6. ____________________________________________
# THE NEW YEAR’S EVE SURVEY

Write five questions about New Year’s Eve in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING
Write about New Year’s Eve for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about New Year’s Eve. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about New Year’s Eve. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about New Year’s Eve. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.