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Merry Christmas!

A New Year is one of the most beloved and desired holidays. Both adults and children are waiting for it. Magic happens in this period of time. Friends, let's plunge into this New Year's fairy tale together!

Interesting facts about the New Year in different countries:

1. In France, Pere Noel - Santa Claus leaves gifts in children's shoes.
2. On December 31st, most Italian citizens throw away old things out of their homes through their own windows.
3. With the first strike of the clock in England, the back door is opened to release the Old Year, and with the last, the front door is opened to let the New Year in.
4. Weinachtsman is Santa Claus in Germany. Saint Nicholas is also his prototype. German Santa Claus loves to appear on a donkey.
5. One of the most striking details of the decoration of a Japanese home before the New Year is "kadoomatsu" - a flower arrangement dominated by a pine tree, a symbol of longevity and endurance.
6. People in Chinese glue the doors and windows with paper so as not to let the evil spirits into their homes that envelop the New Year.
7. In Spain, it is customary to eat 12 grapes - one at each stroke of the clock at midnight on New Year's Eve. Each grape represents good luck for one month of the coming year.
8. An onion is traditionally hung on the front door of homes on New Year's Eve in Greece as a symbol of rebirth in the New Year. On New Year's Day, parents wake their children by tapping them on the head with the onion.
9. Smashing things against someone's house might be considered bad luck - but in Denmark, people hold on to chipped dishes and glasses all year just for New Year's Eve. That night, they go around to the homes of friends and family and smash them against their front doors. The more shards you have on your doorstep the next morning, the more popular you are.
10. Korean New Year is the first day of the Korean calendar. It is one of the most important traditional Korean holidays. The celebration usually lasts three days: the day before Korean New Year, Korean New Year itself, and the day after Korean New Year. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, wear hanbok, eat traditional food, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders after performing a formal bow.

Pere Noel



Weinachtsma



Matveeva Victoria

Time for a movie!

If you had a chance to either go back in the past and change one thing only about your past or to see your entire future beforehand, which would you choose and why?

Time travel is one of the most popular questions for reflection. There are a lot of books and films about this theme. Usually, the characters decide that the time travel is a bad idea in the end of the story. However, "12 Dates of Christmas" isn't one of these types of films, because the time travel helps a main character in an awful situation. Kate doesn't want to be alone on Christmas Eve and in life. Fate gives her a chance to meet true love and understand that her family and friends are wonderful people.

The time travel is an unhelpful thing for me. If you had decided to correct your mistake in the past or correct the future when you turn back in the present, the worst development would have happened. Although if I had this chance, I would choose to go back in the past, because the future is still ahead but the past isn't. The films about time travel are fascinating. I watch this type of stories with pleasure and that is why "12 Dates of Christmas" is my recommendation to my friends. The main idea of which is to treat people around you well. Moreover, this movie has Christmas atmosphere which is needed now. Enjoy watching the Christmas story, dear friend!

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Think!



A letter

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend Santa Claus who writes ... As you know my job is to give presents to children all around the world. I want to know something about you. What good things did you do in this year? Do you have a Christmas mood now? What gift do you want? I really love giving a happiness to people, it makes me feel better. I love a New Year... Write a letter to Santa Claus. In your letter answer his questions, and ask 3 questions about his JOB. Write 100-140 words.

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Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for your letter. It was nice to hear from you again.
In your letter, you asked me a couple of questions. So, I was obedient this year. For example, I started studying harder for my lessons. I'm waiting for a miracle. Also, I'm looking forward to decorating my Christmas tree and my house with Christmas lights, snowflakes, toys. As a gift I want a trip to London and ticket to the Harry Potter's museum.
Congratulations on a Happy New Year to you and your assistants. How do you manage to give gifts for all children? How much does it take you to do all your work's plan? How do your assistants help to you with your work? Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,
Dugieva Madina

