

New Year Quiz

1. What word do the Scottish people give for the last day of the year and its celebration? **Hogmanay**
2. What day of the week was New Year's Day, 2019? **Tuesday**
3. In which European country is it a tradition to jump from a chair right before midnight and also smash plates against friend's doors? **Czechoslovakia**
4. What name was given to the predicted computer meltdown at the beginning of the year 2000? **Millennium Bug**
5. Nicknamed 'the Granddaddy of Them All', which annual American college football bowl game is usually played on January the 1st? **The Rose Bowl**
6. On January 1st 1881, Ferdinand de Lesseps began French construction on which great civil engineering project? **The Panama Canal**
7. 'The ball drop' is a famous part of the New Year's Eve celebration in which touristy part of New York City? **Times Square**
8. Which English author, born on New Year's Day 1879, wrote *A Passage to India*? **E.M. Forster**
9. Who won a Golden Raspberry Award for worst actress in her 2012 film *New Year's Eve*? **Sarah Jessica Parker**
10. Literally meaning the 'beginning of the year', what name is given to the Jewish New Year? **Rosh Hashanah**
11. The village of Allendale, famous for its New Year fire festival, is in which English county? **Northumberland**
12. Is American Samoa in the South Pacific Ocean the first or last place to see in the new year? **Last**

13. New Year's Eve is also known by which Saint's Day in many countries: (a)Saint Sylvester, (b)Saint Theobald, or (c)Saint Felix? **Sylvester**
14. On January 1st, 1899, Spanish rule ended in which country? **Cuba**
15. In which English county is it an old tradition to say 'black rabbits, black rabbits, black rabbits' just as the clock is about to strike midnight on New Year's Eve? **Yorkshire**
16. The month of January is named after which Roman god of doorways? **Janus**
17. Songkran, often celebrated by water fights, is the New Year's festival in which Asian country? **Thailand**
18. Who wrote the song 'Auld Lang Syne'? **Robert Burns**
19. Which sovereign state became independent of the United Kingdom on New Year's Day 1984? **Brunei**
20. In Scotland, 'first-footing' is a tradition which involves visiting homes with a gift of whisky and which other item? **A lump of coal?**