

## **New Year Quiz**

1. What word do the Scottish people give for the last day of the year and its celebration?
2. What day of the week was New Year's Day, 2019?
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?
4. What name was given to the predicted computer meltdown at the beginning of the year 2000?
5. Nicknamed 'the Granddaddy of Them All', which annual American college football bowl game is usually played on January the 1st?
6. On January 1st 1881, Ferdinand de Lesseps began French construction on which great civil engineering project?
7. 'The ball drop' is a famous part of the New Year's Eve celebration in which touristy part of New York City?
8. Which English author, born on New Year's Day 1879, wrote A Passage to India?
9. In Scotland, 'first-footing' is a tradition which involves visiting homes with a gift of whisky and which other item?
10. Who won a Golden Raspberry Award for worst actress in her 2012 film New Year's Eve?
11. Literally meaning the 'beginning of the year', what name is given to the Jewish New Year?

12. The village of Allendale, famous for its New Year fire festival, is in which English county?
13. Is American Samoa in the South Pacific Ocean the first or last place to see in the new year?
14. 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?
15. On January 1st, 1899, Spanish rule ended in which country?
16. 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?
17. The month of January is named after which Roman god of doorways?
18. Songkran, often celebrated by water fights, is the New Year's festival in which Asian country?
19. Who wrote the song 'Auld Lang Syne'?
20. Which sovereign state became independent of the United Kingdom on New Year's Day 1984?