

New Year language activities

Word Bank:

resolutions, celebration, fireworks, countdown, traditions, midnight,
friends, goals, January, memories, fresh start, party, health

1. Collocation Practice Activity Match the words from the word bank with the following sentences.

1. Many people set _____ for the new year.
2. The sky is filled with _____ at midnight.
3. We usually have a big family _____ on January 1st.

2. Short Conversation Gap Fill Exercise

Complete the gaps in the following New Year's conversation.

A: What are your plans for _____ (1) Eve?

B: I think I'll go to a _____ (2) with some friends.

A: Sounds fun! Are you making any _____ (3) for the new year?

B: Yes, I want to focus on _____ (4) and travelling more.

3. Agree/Disagree Exercise Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about New Year's celebrations? Explain your answers.

1. Fireworks are an essential part of New Year's celebrations.

2. New Year's resolutions are often forgotten by February.

3. Celebrating New Year's Eve with friends is better than with family.

4. The start of January is the best time for setting goals.

4. Sentence Starter Exercise Complete the following sentences about New Year with your own ideas.

1. On New Year's Day, I always _____.
2. My main goal for the new year is _____.
3. The best part about January is _____.
4. During the countdown to midnight, I _____.
5. This year, I want to make more memories by _____.

1. Collocation Practice Activity

- Many people set **goals** for the new year.
- The sky is filled with **fireworks** at midnight.
- We usually have a big family **celebration** on January 1st.

2. Short Conversation Gap Fill Exercise

- A: "What are your plans for **New Year's** Eve?"
- B: "I think I'll go to a **party** with some friends."
- A: "Sounds fun! Are you making any **resolutions** for the new year?"
- B: "Yes, I want to focus on **health** and travelling more."

3. Agree/Disagree Exercise

- Fireworks are an essential part of New Year's celebrations.
 - Possible answer: Agree. Fireworks symbolize celebration and are a traditional way to mark the beginning of the new year.
- New Year's resolutions are often forgotten by February.
 - Possible answer: Agree. Many people start with good intentions but lose motivation as time goes on.
- Celebrating New Year's Eve with friends is better than with family.
 - Possible answer: Disagree. This depends on personal preference; some may prefer the warmth and familiarity of family.
- The start of January is the best time for setting goals.
 - Possible answer: Agree. January represents a new beginning and a fresh start, making it an ideal time for goal setting.

4. Sentence Starter Exercise

- On New Year's Day, I always **reflect on the past year and plan for the future.**
- My main goal for the new year is **to improve my physical fitness.**
- The best part about January is **the feeling of a fresh start.**
- During the countdown to midnight, I **usually gather with friends and family to celebrate.**
- This year, I want to make more memories by **traveling to new places.**