

New Year: conversational practice**1. What are your New Year's resolutions?**

- 1: "I plan to start exercising more regularly."
- 2: "I want to learn a new language this year."
- *Follow-up Question:* Why did you choose these resolutions?

2. Where do you usually celebrate New Year's Eve?

- 1: "I usually celebrate at home with my family."
- 2: "I like to go to a big party with friends."
- *Follow-up Question:* What do you like most about this place?

3. Why do people make resolutions for the New Year?

- 1: "People make resolutions to improve themselves."
- 2: "It's a tradition to start fresh with new goals."
- *Follow-up Question:* What kind of resolutions do you think are popular?

4. When do you start preparing for the New Year celebration?

- 1: "I start preparing a few days before."
- 2: "I usually prepare on New Year's Eve."
- *Follow-up Question:* What preparations do you usually make?

5. Who do you prefer to spend New Year's Eve with?

- 1: "I prefer to spend it with my family."
- 2: "I like celebrating with my close friends."
- *Follow-up Question:* What makes spending time with them special?

6. How do you celebrate New Year in your country?

- 1: "We have fireworks and a big family dinner."
- 2: "We attend a countdown event in the city."
- *Follow-up Question:* Are there any unique traditions in your celebration?

7. What foods are traditional for New Year in your culture?

- 1: "We eat lentils for good luck."
- 2: "Our tradition is to have a special cake."
- *Follow-up Question:* Why are these foods considered important?

8. Where is the best place to watch New Year's fireworks in your city?

- 1: "The best place is by the riverfront."
- 2: "I think the city park offers a great view."
- *Follow-up Question:* What makes watching fireworks special for you?

9. Why do some people prefer to stay home on New Year's Eve?

- 1: "Some people find it more relaxing and safe."
- 2: "They might want to avoid the crowds."
- *Follow-up Question:* What are your thoughts on staying home versus going out?

10. How does the New Year celebration change as you get older?

- 1: "I focus more on family than partying now."
- 2: "The celebration is quieter and more reflective."
- *Follow-up Question:* What aspect of New Year's do you value the most now?

Section 2: Yes/No Questions about New Year**1. Do you believe New Year's resolutions are effective?**

- 1: "Yes, they can be motivating if taken seriously."
- 2: "No, I think most people forget them quickly."
- *Follow-up Question:* What kind of resolution might be effective?

2. Have you ever attended a New Year's Eve party in another country?

- 1: "Yes, I celebrated in Spain once, it was exciting."
- 2: "No, I've always celebrated in my own country."
- *Follow-up Question:* What would you expect from a celebration in another country?

3. Is watching fireworks an important part of your New Year's celebration?

- 1: "Yes, it's the highlight of the evening."
- 2: "No, I don't pay much attention to fireworks."
- *Follow-up Question:* What do you think makes fireworks appealing or not?

4. Do you think New Year celebrations are more fun with a large group of people?

- 1: "Yes, the more the merrier for a festive atmosphere."
- 2: "No, I prefer a small, intimate gathering."
- *Follow-up Question:* What are the pros and cons of a large gathering?

5. Have you ever made a New Year's resolution that you truly kept?

- 1: "Yes, I managed to stick to my exercise routine."
- 2: "No, I usually lose track as the year goes on."
- *Follow-up Question:* What strategies help in keeping resolutions?