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New Year Around the World

Match the country to the tradition

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw one line from each country to its tradition.

Customs vary by family. This is a discovery activity, not a how-to guide.

COUNTRY		TRADITION
01 **Spain**	●	● **A.** Displaying round fruits for luck.
02 **Scotland**	●	● **B.** Welcoming the first visitor after midnight.
03 **Denmark**	●	● **C.** Ringing temple bells 108 times.
04 **Brazil**	●	● **D.** Watching the first sunrise of the year.
05 **Japan**	●	● **E.** Eating twelve grapes at midnight.
06 **Philippines**	●	● **F.** Making big dolls called años viejos to say goodbye to the old year.
07 **Ecuador**	●	● **G.** Wearing white and jumping seven waves.
08 **South Korea**	●	● **H.** Jumping off a chair at midnight.

My New Year wish

Write or draw one hope for the year ahead.



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A world of fresh starts.

Eight countries. Eight ways to welcome a new year.

01 SPAIN - E

Eating twelve grapes at midnight.

The twelve grapes are a New Year's Eve custom associated with the midnight chimes.

02 SCOTLAND - B

Welcoming the first visitor after midnight.

First-footing is a Hogmanay custom: the first visitor may bring a small gift.

03 DENMARK - H

Jumping off a chair at midnight.

Some people jump from a chair or sofa as a symbolic leap into the new year.

04 BRAZIL - G

Wearing white and jumping seven waves.

Some celebrants wear white for peace and jump seven waves; customs vary.

05 JAPAN - C

Ringing temple bells 108 times.

Joya no Kane is a Buddhist temple-bell ceremony with 108 strikes.

06 PHILIPPINES - A

Displaying round fruits for luck.

Round fruits are displayed by many families as a symbol of prosperity.

07 ECUADOR - F

Making big dolls called años viejos to say goodbye to the old year.

Families make life-size dolls stuffed with paper or old clothes; adults burn them at midnight as a goodbye to the old year.

08 SOUTH KOREA - D

Watching the first sunrise of the year.

Many people welcome the new year by watching its first sunrise and making wishes.

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