



New Year Quiz



1	What unusual tax was imposed in England on New Year's Eve 1695?	<i>Window Tax</i>
2	If you were born on New Years Day, under what sign of the zodiac would you have been born?	<i>Capricorn</i>
3	Which president, on New Years Day 1863 declared freedom for all slaves in the southern states of America?	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>
4	Name the popular singer born on New Years Eve 1948 who had a big hit with 'I feel Love'?	<i>Donna Summer</i>
5	On New Years Day of which year did GB join the EEC?	<i>1973</i>
6	The singing of Auld Land Syne in a circle of cross jointed hands comes from the Celtic practise of dancing around what?	<i>A Bonfire</i>
7	Which city did Queen Victoria choose as capital of Canada on New Years Eve 1857?	<i>Ottawa</i>
8	Name the director of the FBI who was born on New Years Day 1895?	<i>John Edgar Hoover</i>
9	Which record label rejected the Beatles after their audition on New Years Day 1962?	<i>Decca</i>
10	Who on New Years Eve 1911, became the first person to receive a second Nobel prize?	<i>Marie Curie</i>
11	On New Years Eve of which year were Big Bens chimes first broadcast: 1920, 1921, 1922 or 1923?	<i>1923</i>
12	In which two months can the Chinese new year fall?	<i>January or February</i>
13	Name the popular French film star, singer and entertainer who died on New Years Day 1972?	<i>Maurice Chevalier</i>
14	In which year was New Years Day first a bank holiday in England?	<i>1974</i>
15	Which group had a top ten single in 1983 with 'New Years Day'?	<i>U2</i>
16	Name the land and water speed record breaker who died on New years eve 1948?	<i>Sir Malcolm Campbell</i>
17	The farthing ceased to be legal tender on New Years Eve of which year: 1959, 1960, 1961 or 1962?	<i>1960</i>
18	Which calendar was introduced on new years day 44BC by Julius Caesar?	<i>Julian Calendar</i>
19	What decimal coin was withdrawn from circulation on new years eve 1990?	<i>old style large 5p</i>
20	Which great ship canal opened on New Years Day 1912?	<i>Manchester</i>
21	Name the singer born on New Years Eve 1943 who had a hit with 'Annie's Song'?	<i>John Denver</i>
22	Which company was established by a charter granted by Queen Elizabeth I on New Years Day 1600?	<i>British East India Company</i>
23	What date is known as the Circumcision?	<i>January 1st</i>
24	After what are the twelve signs of the zodiac named?	<i>Constellations of stars</i>
25	Name the German classical composer who died on New Years Day 1782?	<i>Bach</i>
26	Approximately how long has the Chinese calendar been in operation: 3500, 3000, 2500 or 2000 years?	<i>3500</i>
27	Name the twentieth century American film mogul born on new years day 1879?	<i>(William) Fox</i>
28	What is the name of the Japanese new year?	<i>Shogatsu</i>
29	How many different animals are used to name the Chinese calendar years?	<i>12</i>
30	On new years day of which year did the EEC come into being?	<i>1958</i>
31	Name the alleged multiple murderer who committed suicide on new years day 1995?	<i>Fred West</i>
32	Name the rock and country singer who was killed in an air crash on New Years eve 1985?	<i>Rick Nelson</i>
33	Which now famous board game was patented by Charles Darrow on new years eve 1935?	<i>Monopoly</i>
34	Which oil-rich British protectorate gained independence on New Years Day 1984?	<i>Brunei</i>
35	Name the most famous annual collection of predictions for the year to come?	<i>Old Moores Almanac</i>
36	What is the name of the Jewish New Year?	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
37	In which country is the New Year gift-bringer known as Grandfather Frost?	<i>Russia</i>
38	Who is said to decide a household's fortune for the year ahead?	<i>The First Foot</i>
39	In 12th Century England, in which month was New Year celebrated?	<i>March (25th)</i>
40	Which disciple was born on New Year's day?	<i>Judas</i>