HOGMANAY • NEW YEAR'S EVE 2026

BELLS & TRADITIONS QUIZ

15 questions • 1 point each • answers on page 2

Team name _____ Score _____

1. In which year did Robert Burns send 'Auld Lang Syne' to the Scots Musical Museum?
2. 'Auld lang syne' roughly translates as…
3. By tradition, the luckiest first-footer is a…
4. Name two traditional first-footing gifts.
5. What is a 'black bun'?
6. 'Redding the house' before the bells means…
7. Which Scottish city throws the famous street party below its castle?
8. In which Aberdeenshire town do people swing fireballs at midnight?
9. What do Scots call New Year's Day?
10. Which day after New Year is also a bank holiday in Scotland?
11. In Spain, what do people eat at each stroke of midnight?
12. In which year did the Times Square ball first drop?
13. In Brazil, which colour do people wear on New Year's Eve for luck?
14. In Denmark, what do friends smash on each other's doorsteps?
15. Which Pacific island nation is among the first to see the new year?

sing at the bells

AULD LANG SYNE

words by Robert Burns, 1788 • cross arms and join hands for the last chorus

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?

— chorus —

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp!
and surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
and gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude-willie waught,
for auld lang syne.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1788
2. Old long since / for old times' sake
3. Tall, dark-haired man
4. Coal, shortbread, black bun, salt or whisky
5. Rich fruit cake baked inside pastry
6. Cleaning the house top to bottom
7. Edinburgh
8. Stonehaven
9. Ne'erday
10. 2 January
11. 12 grapes
12. 1907
13. White
14. Old plates and dishes
15. Kiribati (Kiritimati)

RESOLUTION & PREDICTION CARDS

cut out, fill in, fold and pop in a jar — open them together next Hogmanay

I WILL TRY...

something new in 2027

from: _____

BOLD PREDICTION

for the year ahead

from: _____

ONE THING I'M LEAVING

in 2026

from: _____

A PLACE I WANT

to visit in 2027

from: _____

A SKILL I'LL LEARN

this year

from: _____

MY WORD

for 2027

from: _____

SOMEONE I'LL CALL

more often

from: _____

BEST MOMENT

of 2026

from: _____

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