

Hogmanay

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1. Read

Hogmanay is the Scottish name for New Year's Eve. To celebrate the arrival of the New Year, Scottish people take part in street festivals or organise parties with their friends and neighbours. When the clock strikes midnight there are big firework displays in the sky and people rush to wish each other 'Happy New Year'.

The Edinburgh Hogmanay celebrations in Scotland's capital city are famous around the world. These celebrations last for three days. There is a procession on December 30th from the Royal Mile to Carlton Hill. People carry torches of fire. On December 31st there is a big party near the castle with live music and lots of fireworks and on January 1st, New Year's Day, there is a fancy dress parade down the High Street. After the parade, some people jump in the River Forth. Brrrh!

2. What six things you can do to celebrate Hogmanay in Edinburgh? Complete the sentences.

a. Walk in a p _____

d. Watch f _____

b. Carry a t _____ of fire

e. Wear f _____ d _____

c. Listen to l _____ music

f. Jump in the R _____ F _____

3. Your friend sends you a text to invite you to a Hogmanay party at her home.

Hi Julie.

How are you? What are you doing for Hogmanay this year?

I'm having a party and I'd love you to come!

It's at my house at 7:30 pm.

Suzie x

Hi Suzie,

_____ for your message.

I'd _____ to come to your party but I _____.

I'm on _____ in London.

Have a _____ time and _____ New Year

can't

thanks

great

love

happy

holiday

Teacher's Notes

2. Complete the sentences.

- a. Walk in a **procession**
- b. Carry a **torch** of fire
- c. Listen to **live** music
- d. Watch **fireworks**
- e. Wear **fancy dress**
- f. Jump in the **River Forth**

3. The text message.

Hi Suzie,

Thanks for your message.

I'd **love** to come to your party but I **can't**.

I'm on **holiday** in London.

Have a **great** time and **Happy** New Year!