

Answers

1. Why is the calendar known as the Gregorian calendar?

It is named after its inventor, Pope Gregory XIII.

2. Which country welcomes the New Year first? Tick **one**.

- Brazil
- Kiribati**
- The United States of America
- Mexico

3. Which of these are other names for New Year's Eve? Tick **two**.

- All Saint's Day
- Old Year's Day**
- Hogmanay**
- Copacabana

4. Explain one of the traditions that Mexicans may carry out at New Year and give the reason.

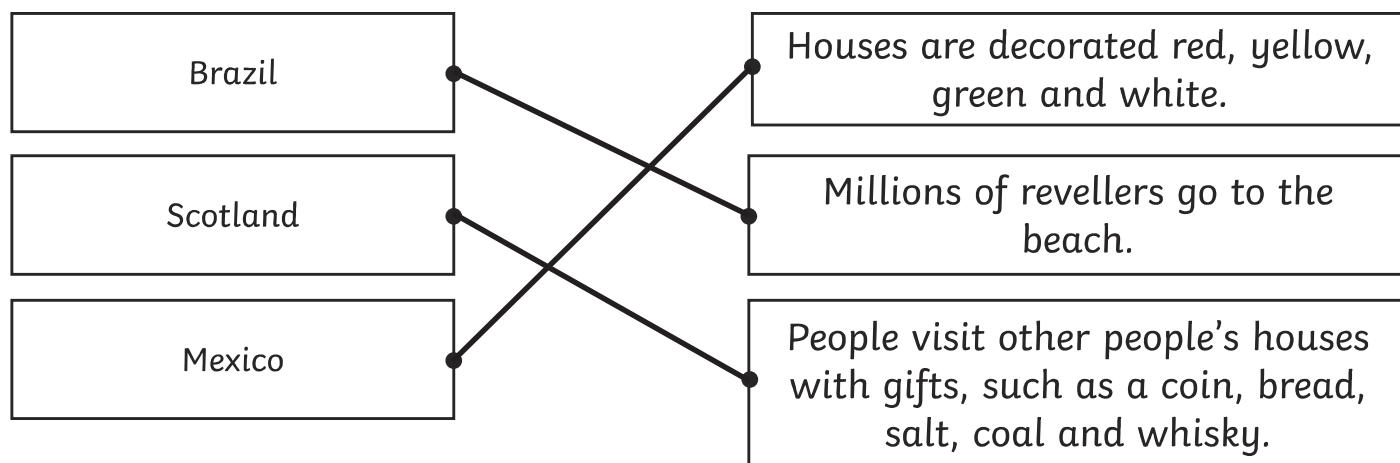
Accept any of the following:

- **eating grapes at midnight and making wishes – to bring in good luck in the next year**
- **decorating their homes to represent the hopes they have for the next year**
- **bake bread with a charm or coin inside to bless the recipient with luck**
- **write a list of the bad and unhappy things that happened in the past year and burn it in a fire to symbolise getting rid of the negative energy.**

5. Fill in the missing words.

In the Scottish capital, **Edinburgh**, a huge celebration takes place along Princes Street. The **cannon** is fired at Edinburgh Castle at **midnight**, then there is a large **firework** display.

6. Match the country to the New Year celebration.



7. Which of these is closest in meaning to the word 'revellers'? Tick **one**.

- miserable people
- party-goers**
- to unravel
- to loosen

8. Why do you think people choose to make New Year's Resolutions?

Pupil's own response, such as: I think people choose to make New Year's Resolutions because it helps them to give up something that may be difficult to stop and focus on making it through a year. It also shows that the person is making changes for the year ahead which will have a positive effect on their life.