

New Year's Traditions around the

UK

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• midnight

• money

• clock

• fireworks

• sing

• wishing

• river

• costumes

• swim

• festivals

In the UK, people celebrate the New Year in many different ways, some of which are very interesting!

At **1)** _____ on **New Year's Eve**, people **2)** _____ 'Auld Lang Syne', a traditional song. In **London**, people watch the beautiful **3)** _____ in the sky!

In **Yorkshire**, right before midnight, people say 'black rabbits, black rabbits, black rabbits'! Then, when the **4)** _____ strikes 12, they say 'white rabbits, white rabbits, white rabbits'! People believe that this brings good luck for the rest of the year!

In **Scotland**, New Year's celebrations, called 'Hogmanay', begin on 31st December and can last for three days. During this time, there are fire **5)** _____ all over Scotland to make bad spirits go away. There is also the *Loony Dook* event, when people run into an icy cold **6)** _____ for their first **7)** _____ of the year. Some people wear funny **8)** _____ in the river, too!

In **Wales**, people sometimes make a New Year's gift called 'calennig', which is a decorated apple or orange. They go from house to house **9)** _____ a **Happy New Year** to their neighbours and friends. People give them **10)** _____, food and small gifts.

