

Old Year and New Year: What's Different?

Grade 2

English

Nonfiction

New year Theme

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Name: _____ Date: _____

READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

The old year and the new year are alike in some ways, but they are different in others. Both years have twelve months and many holidays. Both years have cold winter days and warm summer days. However, the old year is ending while the new year is just starting. The old year has memories from the past. You remember things you did, games you played, and friends you made. The new year brings fresh chances to do new things. You can set new goals and make new promises. Some people write their goals on paper. Others tell their family what they want to do. The new year is exciting because it is a fresh start. The old year helped us learn and grow. The new year gives us chances to try again and do better. Both years are special in their own way.

Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.

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Questions

⇒ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What are two ways the old year and new year are alike? Use details from the passage.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'fresh' mean in this passage?

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think people set goals for the new year?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because the new year is just starting?

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. How do some people share their new year goals? Name two ways from the passage.

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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The passage is mostly about how the old year and the new year are the same and different from each other.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. What are two ways the old year and new year are alike? Use details from the passage.

Both years have twelve months and many holidays, and both years have cold winter days and warm summer days.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'fresh' mean in this passage?

Fresh means new and not used before, like a new start or new beginning.

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think people set goals for the new year?

People set goals for the new year because it is a fresh start and gives them a chance to try new things and do better.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because the new year is just starting?

Because the new year is just starting, it brings fresh chances to do new things and make new goals.

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. How do some people share their new year goals? Name two ways from the passage.

Some people write their goals on paper, and others tell their family what they want to do.