

Now you've read the article, try to answer these questions to check your understanding. Look back at the article to help you find the answers. If you see any words you do not know, look at the context first, if you are still having difficulty check in your dictionary.

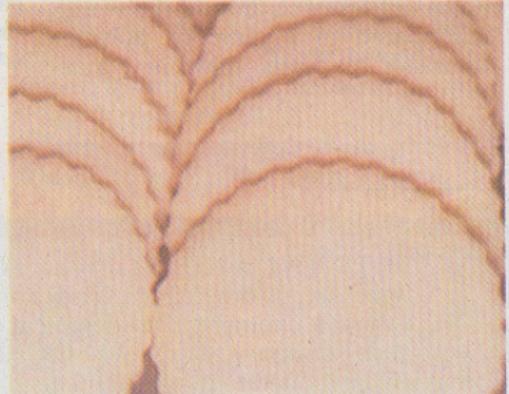
1. When is Hogmanay?
2. What is the most popular custom involved in Hogmanay?
3. What should a person give as a gift?
4. Where is it the custom to swing fireballs?
5. How big are the fireballs?
6. What do they do with the fireballs at the end of the celebration?
7. What is Ne'erday in English?
8. In what two ways, mentioned in the text, did the Scots receive English cultural values?
9. What food is it traditional to eat in Scotland on Ne'erday?
10. Why were many events cancelled for last year's celebrations?

#### Can you match the words from the text to their definitions?

1. If you ..... , you do something enjoyable because of a special occasion or to mark someone's success.
2. If you say that something ..... happens or that you ..... do a particular thing, you mean that it is what usually happens or what you usually do.
3. Something that is ..... exists or happens over a large area, or to a great extent.
4. A ..... is an activity, a way of behaving, or an event which is usual or traditional in a particular society or in particular circumstances.
5. Something that is ..... of a person or thing is regarded or used as a symbol of them.
6. ..... is a hard black substance that is extracted from the ground and burned as fuel.
7. ..... is a kind of biscuit made from flour, sugar, and butter.
8. ..... is a thick black sticky substance that is used especially for making roads.
9. ..... chemicals, gases, cloth, or other things catch fire and burn easily.
10. In Scotland, a ..... is a legal officer whose chief duty is to act as judge in a .....'s Court. These courts deal with all but the most serious crimes and with most civil actions.
11. If people ..... to a particular place or event, a very large number of them go there, usually because it is pleasant or interesting.
12. A ..... is a day or time of the year when a special religious celebration takes place.
13. ..... is the process in which something changes from one state to another.



How do you celebrate New Year's Eve? If you don't celebrate it, what is the equivalent special occasion for you? Try to think how you would describe it to somebody. Write a short paragraph describing the main features of the event. Are there any special clothes? Food? Music? What do you like the most about it? Show your paragraph to a friend and see if they agree with you.



#### Answers

1-a, 2-g, 3-m, 4-c, 5-j, 6-b, 7-l, 8-k, 9-e, 10-h, 11-f, 12-d, 13-i  
3 roast lamb, 6 Cast into harbour, 7 New Year's day, 8 television & immigration  
9 metre diameter, 10 High winds

1, 3 December 1 or 2 January, 2 first-footing, 3 Coalishtoread, 4 Sloanehaven, 5 1