

Global View - Happy New Year! (C0340)

A:: It's almost midnight! We are about to start a brand new year!

B: I know it's so exciting! A new year is always like a clean slate.

A:: fresh start to accomplish any dreams, objectives and goals.

A: Do you have a New Year's resolution?

B: I was thinking about it, but I'm never able to keep my New Year's resolution. Last year for example I joined a gym and only went twice.

A: Yeah I know what you mean. That's why this year I am keeping things more simple. Maybe like getting together with friends I haven't seen in a long time, or doing some volunteering work.

B: That seems reasonable. We should get together and watch the ball drop in Times Square.

A: Sure, as long as you don't try to kiss me at midnight!

B: Well, we can't break tradition! It's bad luck!

Key Vocabulary

midnight	<i>N</i>	twelve AM
brand new	<i>A</i>	completely new
accomplish	<i>V</i>	to bring to its goal or conclusion
volunteer	<i>N</i>	a person who performs a service willingly and without pay
tradition	<i>N</i>	special way of doing things that is accepted by a majority
resolution	<i>N</i>	a formal document stating the wishes of someone
new year	<i>N</i>	1st January

Supplementary Vocabulary

goal	<i>N</i>	the result or achievement toward which effort is directed
evening	<i>N</i>	the latter part of the day and early part of the night.
promise	<i>N</i>	a declaration that something will or will not be done
fireworks	<i>N</i>	combustible or explosive device for producing a striking display of light or a loud noise