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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. People in Central and South America eat twelve grapes during the last twelve seconds of the year. In which category would this belong?
  - Ⓐ ways to get rid of bad luck from last year
  - Ⓑ ways to bring good luck in the New Year
  - Ⓒ ways to get rid of old fruit from last year
  - Ⓓ ways to make your family and friends happy in the New Year
2. Which of the following is a tradition on New Year's Day in both California and Pennsylvania?
  - Ⓐ eating Hoppin' John
  - Ⓑ watching football games
  - Ⓒ watching parades
  - Ⓓ eating twelve pieces of fruit
3. How are the Chinese and Jewish New Year celebrations the same?
  - Ⓐ They include eating cake with a special coin baked inside.
  - Ⓑ They include wearing brand-new yellow underwear to bring riches.
  - Ⓒ They are celebrated in late March or mid-April when it's hot outside.
  - Ⓓ They are based on the cycles of the moon and the 365-day calendar.
4. What is the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ January 1 is the first day of the New Year around the world.
  - Ⓑ Everyone around the world should celebrate the New Year.
  - Ⓒ There are many different ways to celebrate the New Year.
  - Ⓓ People should all celebrate the New Year in the same way.

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5. What are **cultures**?

- Ⓐ sets of events that keep repeating
- Ⓑ beliefs or customs that are passed down
- Ⓒ ideas and customs of certain groups of people
- Ⓓ decisions or promises to do something

6. Which of the following is an opinion about New Year celebrations in Scotland?

- Ⓐ In Scotland, it's a tradition to clean the house by midnight.
- Ⓑ People hold torches and swing long poles with flames.
- Ⓒ The first visitor to a home must be a male with dark hair.
- Ⓓ The first-footing tradition is the coolest New Year celebration.

7. Which of the following is a detail that supports the main idea of this book?

- Ⓐ People in the Philippines wear clothes with polka dots to bring good luck.
- Ⓑ Buddha is the title given to the person who started the Buddhist religion.
- Ⓒ It is important to make resolutions at the beginning of each year.
- Ⓓ There are many college football games played in the United States.

8. What do people think will happen after they throw water out of their window?

- Ⓐ They will get rid of the bad luck from the previous year.
- Ⓑ They will water the plants outside their houses.
- Ⓒ They will wash their cars to start the New Year fresh.
- Ⓓ They will share water with their neighbors.

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9. Why do cities set off fireworks at night instead of during the day?

- Ⓐ They are too scary during the day.
- Ⓑ They are too bright during the day.
- Ⓒ They are too loud during the day.
- Ⓓ They are too hard to see during the day.

10. What is another word for **resolution**?

- Ⓐ figures
- Ⓑ promise
- Ⓒ traditions
- Ⓓ belief

11. **Extended Response:** What is a common theme among all of the New Year celebrations discussed in the book?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## New Year Celebrations

*Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast*

1. Ⓑ *Classify Information*
2. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary, but should include that all of the celebrations are about saying goodbye to the past and starting the New Year fresh with hope and happiness.