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Happy New Years!

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Ring in the new year with the January edition of
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Inside you'll find tips, advice, promotions and news. Look for levels: "easy," "advanced," "difficult" for practice within the newsletter.

Happy New Year and best wishes to you and your family!

Sincerely, Ken Estep



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🎵 Auld Lang Syne 🎵

Should *old* acquaintance be for-
got,
and never brought to mind ?
Should *old* acquaintance be for-
got,
and *old* times since ?

CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.
And surely you'll *buy* your pint
cup !
And surely I'll *buy* mine !
And we'll take a cup o' kindness
yet,
for auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We *two have* run about the
slopes,
and *picked* the *daisies* fine ;
But we've wandered *many* a
weary foot,
since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We *two have paddled* in the
stream,
from morning sun till *dinet* ;
But seas between us *broad have*
roared
since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

And there's a hand my trusty
friend !
And *give us* a hand o' thine !
And we'll *take* a right *good-will*
draught,
for auld lang syne.



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Level: **difficult**

New Year's resolution



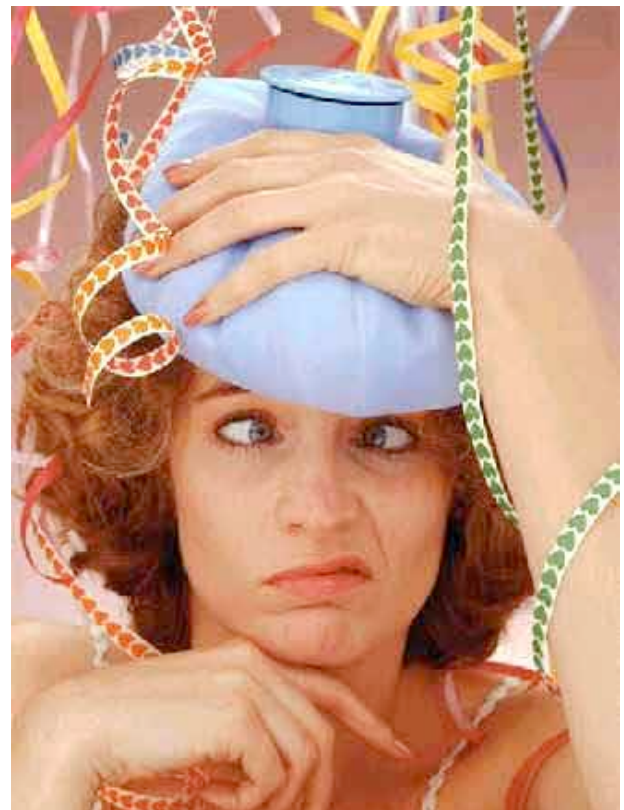
A **New Year's resolution** is a [commitment](#) that an individual makes to a project or the reforming of a [habit](#), often a [lifestyle](#) change that is generally interpreted as advantageous. The name comes from the fact that these commitments normally go into effect on [New Year's Day](#) and remain until fulfilled or abandoned. More socio-centric examples include resolutions to donate to the [poor](#) more often, to become more [assertive](#), or to become more [economically](#) or

[environmentally responsible](#). People may act similarly during the [Christian](#) fasting period of [Lent](#), though the motive behind this holiday is more of sacrifice than of responsibility. The new year resolution is one example of the [rolling forecast](#)-method of

[planning](#). According to this method, plans are established at regular short or medium-term time intervals, when only a rough long-term plan exists.



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There are religious parallels to this secular tradition. For example, in Judaism's holiest holiday, [Yom Kippur](#), one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon self-improvement annually.

Source: Wikipedia

Level: **advanced**

New Year's Toasts

In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, but never in want. ~ Traditional Irish toast

Stir the egnog, lift the toddy, Happy New Year, everybody. ~ Phyllis McGinley

Here's to us all, God bless us every one! ~ from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Here's a toast to the future, A toast to the past, And a toast to our friends, far and near. May the future be pleasant; The past a bright dream; May our friends remain faithful and dear. ~ Anonymous

Cheers to you, Cheers to me, Have a Happy New Year's Eve! ~ Anonymous



HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Year's Quotes

For last year's words belong to last year's language And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning. ~ T.S. Eliot

New Year's Day is every man's birthday. ~ Charles Lamb



Each age has deemed the new-born year The fittest time for festal cheer. ~ Sir Walter Scott

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. ~ Bill Vaughn

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. ~ Lord Alfred Tennyson

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing. ~ Abraham Lincoln

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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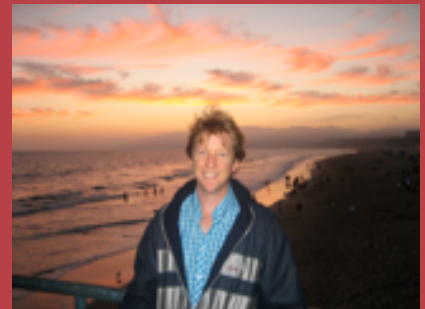
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