



# New Year in Our Country





New Year is a great holiday in our country.



Everybody likes it very much.

It is especially  
loved by little  
children.







**People do not go to  
work on that day,  
and children do not  
go to school.**





This holiday is considered to be a family holiday.





It is usually celebrated  
at home  
among the members of  
the family.





People decorate their houses and usually have a fir-tree which stands in the corner of the room.





Those fir-trees  
are very  
beautiful.  
The presents  
are usually put  
under  
these trees.



**Our parents prepare  
to this holiday  
well.  
They buy a New Year  
tree, decorate it,  
buy a lot of tasty food  
and drinks.**







At twelve o'clock in the night people can see the president on TV which addresses them with traditional words of congratulation.





At this time people are sitting at the table to their holiday dinner and enjoy it in a good company. Young people usually organize a dance party and have a lot of fun.





Some of them go out into the streets and the squares.





The next day friends usually come to wish a Happy New Year to all the members of the family.



The New  
Year of our  
life has  
begun.  
Everyone  
hopes it will  
really be  
happy.







# Christmas in Great Britain





For many British families Christmas is the most important holiday of the year. It is a combination of the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ, and the traditional winter holidays. On the Sunday before Christmas many churches hold a carol service where special hymns are sung.







Most families decorate their houses with coloured paper or holly, and they usually have a Christmas tree in the front room. It is decorated with coloured lights and beautiful toys.







The most important and pleasant Tradition of Christmas is the giving of presents.

People wrap up their gifts and leave them at the bottom of Christmas tree to be found on Christmas morning.







Children leave long socks near their bed hoping that Father Christmas will come at night and bring them small presents, fruits and nuts. Children also write to Father Christmas letters and say what presents they want to get.





In the evening the family will sit down to a big turkey dinner followed by Christmas pudding. Then they may watch the Queen on television as she delivers her traditional congratulations to the United Kingdom.

