

Christmas and
New Year's Day
in Russia





In Russia New Year's Day is the most popular and widely celebrated winter festival.



Christmas in Russia is celebrated on January 7th as the Russian Orthodox Church uses the Julian calendar. Besides there are many non-Christians in Russia.

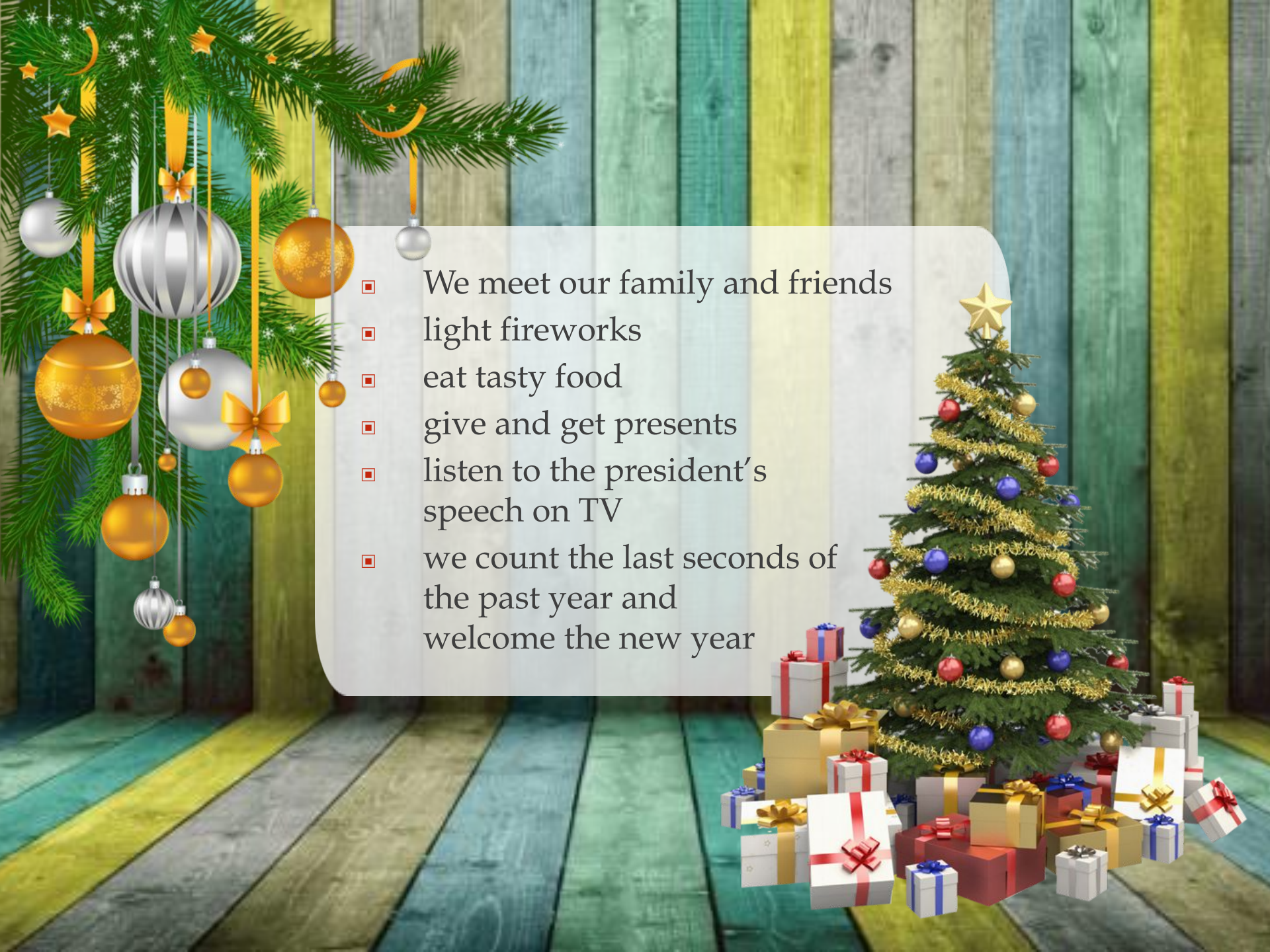


In Russia the custom of celebrating the New Year began in 1700 . It was Peter the Great who brought this tradition from Germany.



We decorate the Christmas tree,
go round the New Year tree in a circle holding hands
with each other (it is called “Horovod”)
sing traditional song “ Little fir-tree”



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- The background features a vibrant, multi-colored wooden plank wall in shades of green, blue, and yellow. On the left, a branch of a Christmas tree is adorned with various ornaments, including large silver and gold spheres, smaller gold and silver baubles, and gold stars. On the right, a full Christmas tree is decorated with gold tinsel, red, blue, and gold ornaments, and a gold star on top. At the base of the tree, numerous wrapped gifts in various colors (white, gold, red, blue) are scattered on the floor.
- We meet our family and friends
 - light fireworks
 - eat tasty food
 - give and get presents
 - listen to the president's speech on TV
 - we count the last seconds of the past year and welcome the new year

Russian Santa is called **FATHER FROST**.
He has got a granddaughter – **the SNOWGIRL**



- ❑ Father Frost is older than Santa.
- ❑ He wears a long coat.
- ❑ He has a long beard.
- ❑ He travels in a sleigh.





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**The official residence of Father Frost is
Velikij Ustug**



The traditional food is

- ▣ Salad
- ▣ Meat and potatoes
- ▣ Tangerines
- ▣ Sweets and cakes





**Winter is usually cold in Russia
but we like spending time outdoors**

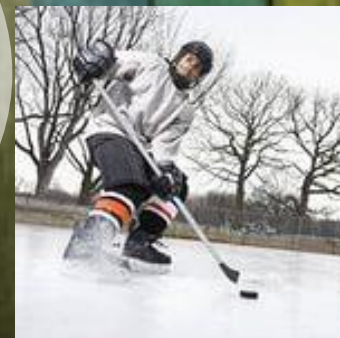
We enjoy playing snowballs
and making snowmen.

Boys play hockey.

Girls like skating.

We sledge down the snow hills

Some people swim in an ice water
(Those people are called walrus)





We usually have a New Year party at school.

**Merry Christmas and
a happy new year to you !**

