

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

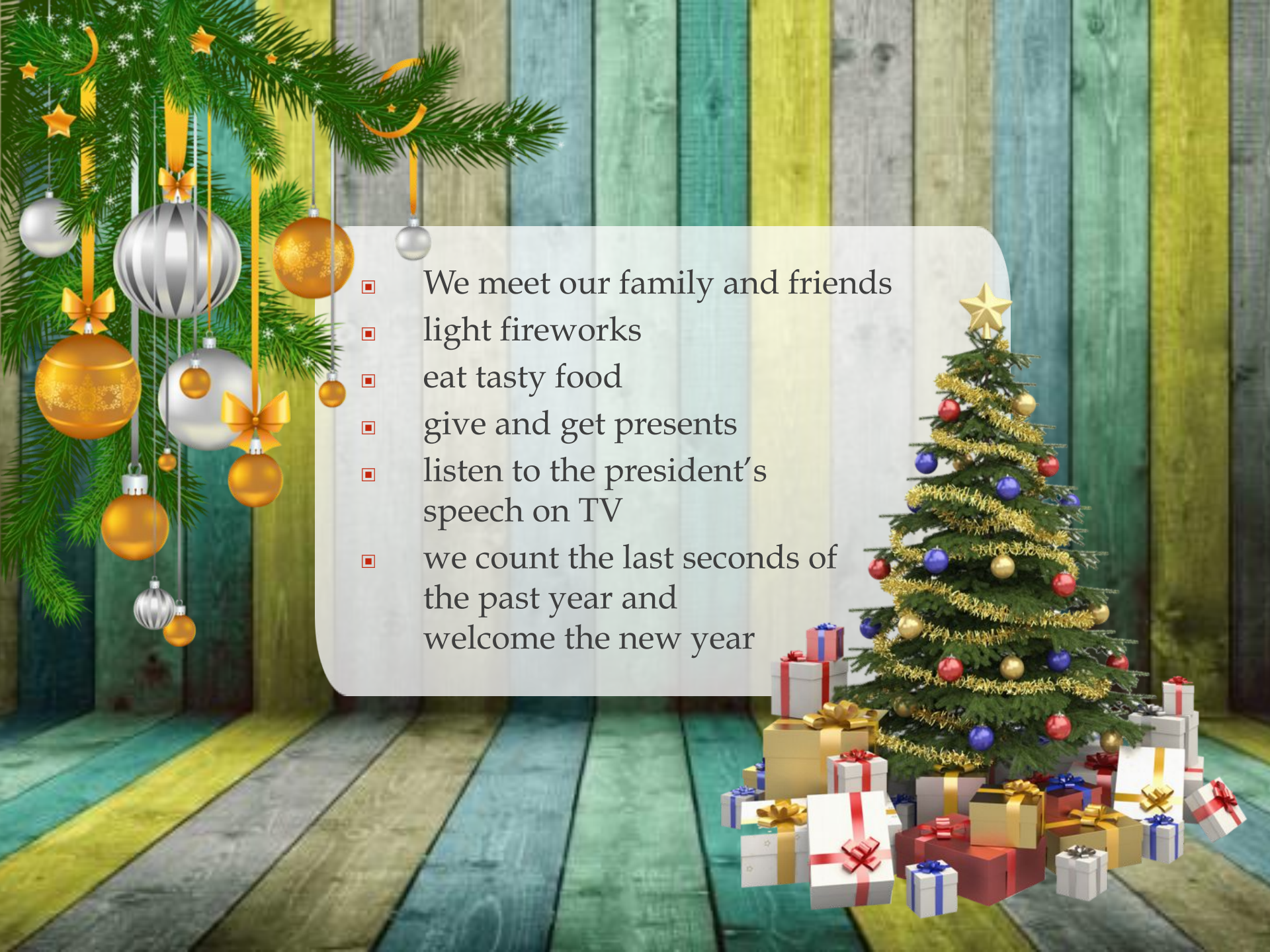




We decorate the Christmas tree,  
go round the New Year tree in a circle holding hands  
with each other ( it is called “Horovod”)  
sing traditional song “ Little fir-tree”





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- A festive Christmas scene with a decorated tree, ornaments, and gifts. The background is a colorful wooden wall with vertical planks in shades of green, blue, and yellow. On the left, a branch of a Christmas tree is decorated with gold and silver ornaments, including large gold and silver spheres, smaller gold and silver spheres, and gold stars. A white semi-transparent box with rounded corners is positioned in the center, containing a list of activities. On the right, a small Christmas tree is decorated with gold tinsel, red, blue, and gold ornaments, and a gold star on top. The base of the tree is surrounded by numerous wrapped gifts in various colors (white, gold, red, blue) with bows.
- 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**

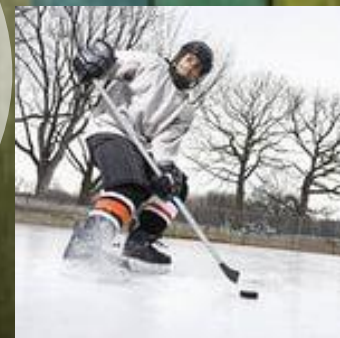
We enjoy playing snowballs  
and making snowmen.

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 !**

