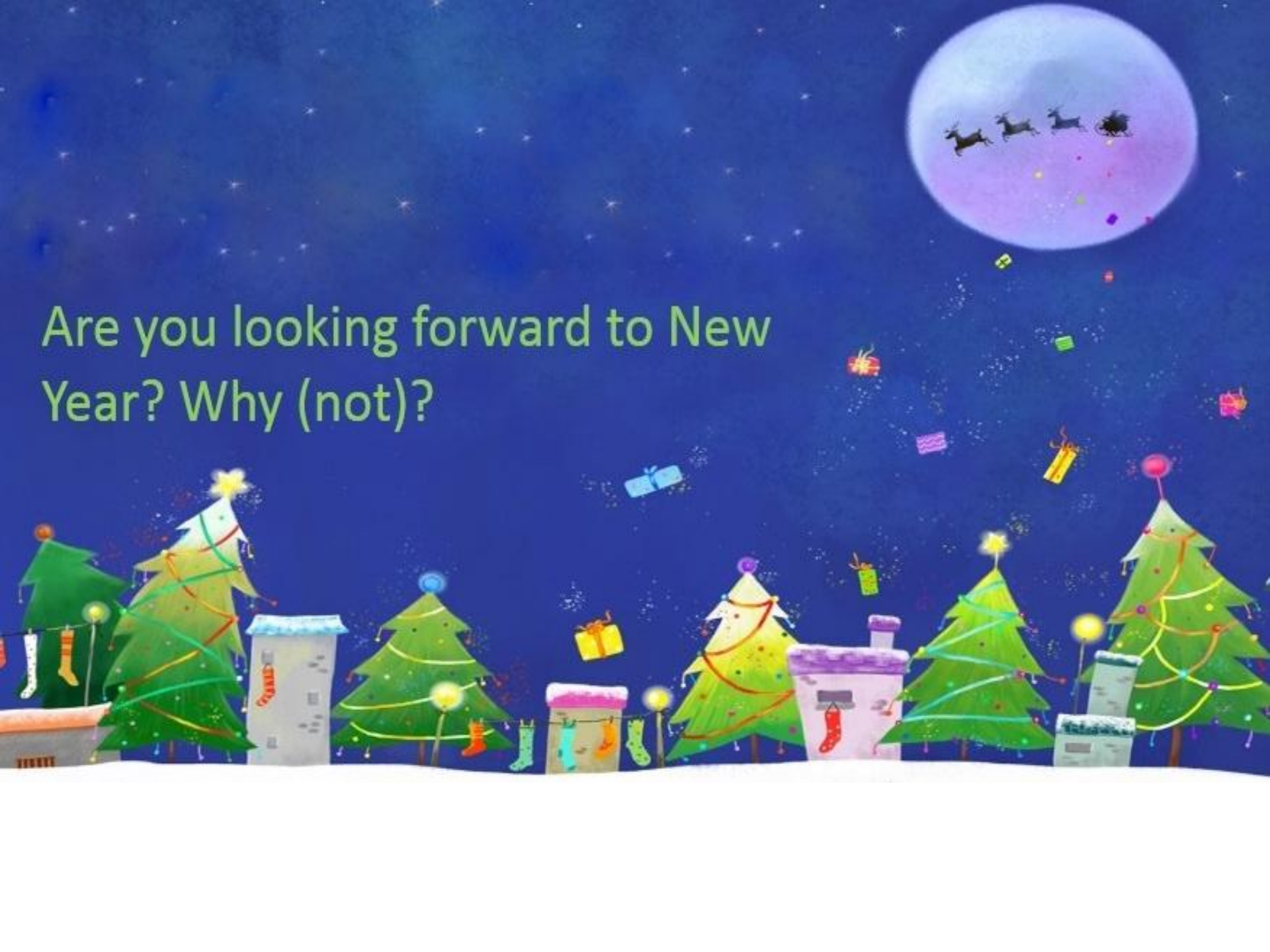


Are you looking forward to New Year? Why (not)?



New Year vocabulary



Discuss the questions

1. How do New Year's Eve and New Year's Day differ from other holidays?
2. How is New Year's Day celebrated in your country/city?
3. How do you decorate your house for the celebration?
4. How did you celebrate this holiday when you were a child?
5. How did you spend your last New Year's Day? How will you ring in New Year this time? Will you ring out the old year?
6. What is the typical menu for a New Year meal in your family? (... in your country?)
7. Do you know any traditions of celebrating New Year in other countries?



New Year resolutions

What resolutions can you think of for the following categories?

my English level

my finances

my fitness

my work

my health

my bad habits

my relationships with others

Useful language:

In 2018 I will / won't...

This year I'm (not) going to...

I resolve (not) to...

This new year I hope to...



The year that is now ending

two things you were happy about in the past year

an unexpected thing that happened this past year

the most challenging thing that happened

the biggest time waster in your life this past year

the biggest disappointment in your life this past year

the most significant achievement in the past year



When New Year is not on 31 December

New Year on the island of Bali takes place

Chinese New Year is celebrated

The Jewish New Year, called Rosh Hashanah, is

Thai New Year (The **Songkran festival**) is

Islamic New Year is celebrated

from 13 to 15 April

in September (usually)

on a different date yearly

in March

Late Jan / Early February



A special guest

Imagine that you have friends from another country coming to celebrate New Year with you and your family.

- What kind of food are you going to serve?
- Which local traditions are you going to show them?
- Will you visit any special people or places?
- What are you going to do at midnight?



More information

<http://www.almanac.com/content/new-year-traditions-around-world>

