New Year Resolutions
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- To understand when, why and how New Year is celebrated.

New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is celebrated on December 31st, the last day of the calendar year.

People enjoy getting together with family or friends and counting down the hours, minutes and seconds to the start of a brand new year. You might even be allowed to stay up extra late!

In London, Big Ben chimes to tell us when the new year has arrived, then a huge firework display takes place on the banks of the River Thames.

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Welcoming a New Year

You might hear people singing ‘Auld Lang Syne’ to welcome in the new year. This is a very old poem written by a famous Scottish poet called Robert Burns. What do you think it is about?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne.

Chorus

For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

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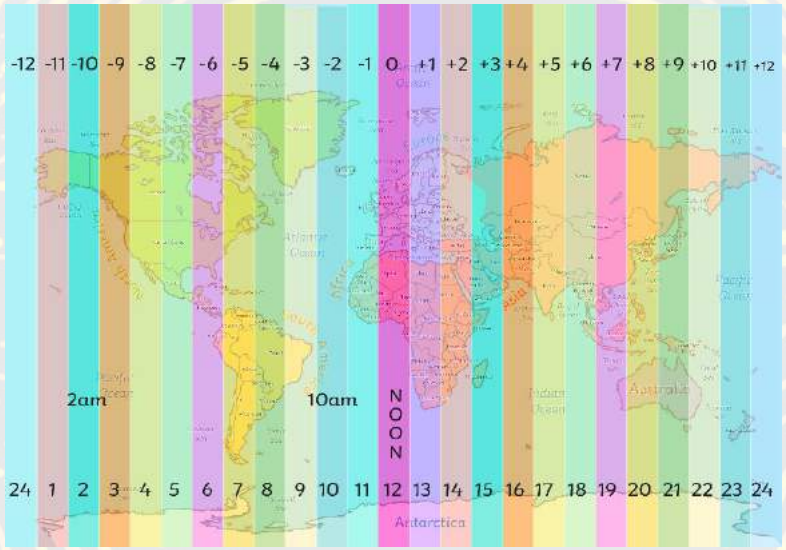
Different Times to Celebrate

Not every place in the world welcomes in the new year at exactly the same time because different places are in different time zones.

Kiritimati, Christmas Island and Kiribati are some of the first places to celebrate with Honolulu, Hawaii being one of the last.



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Making a New Year Resolution

New Year's Day is on January 1st and is often seen as a fresh start.

Many people like to make new year resolutions which are personal goals that they aim to work on throughout the year.

Anyone can make a new year resolution and some make more than one!

Some examples: Getting homework in on time, keeping your bedroom tidy, doing more exercise or eating more healthily.

Have you made any? What are they?

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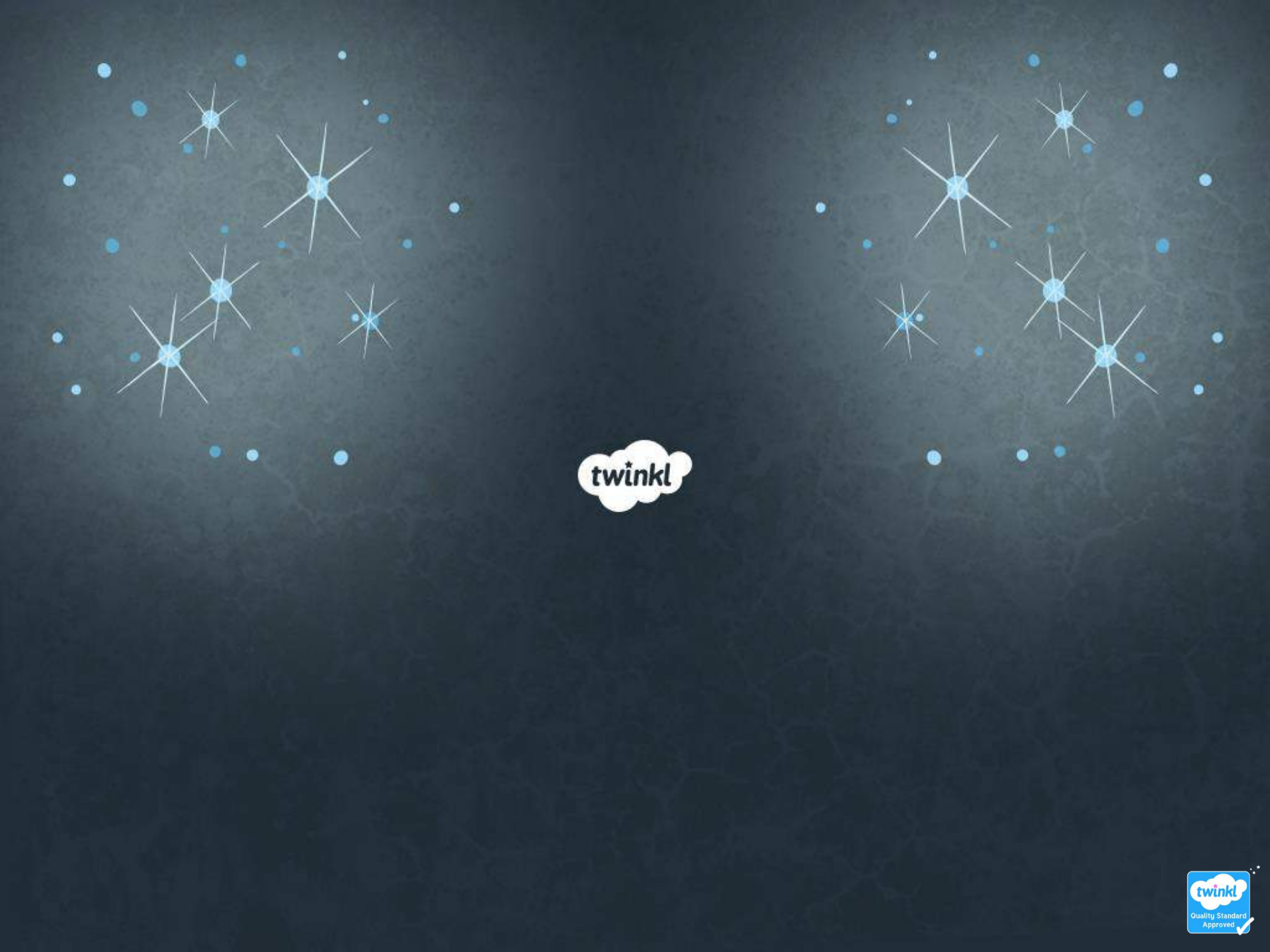
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