

## Articles

### New Year Celebrations

#### Exercise 11

Choose the correct answer of the available possible options.

1. On the night of 31 December and the morning of 1 January, people in many countries all over the world will celebrate \_\_\_\_ beginning of a new year. How will they celebrate and how did this tradition begin?

A. a/an

**B. the**

**Explanation: identifiable via "of a new year" = HK+**

2. There have been celebrations to mark the beginning of a new year for thousands of years. Sometimes these were simply \_\_\_\_ opportunity for people to eat, drink and have fun, but in some places the festivities were connected to the land or astronomical events. For example, in Egypt the beginning of the year coincided with when the River Nile flooded, and this normally happened when the star Sirius rose.

**A. a/an**

B. the

**Explanation: New information, HK- (member of a category)**

3. The Persians and Phoenicians started their new year at \_\_\_\_ spring equinox (this is around 20 March when the Sun shines more or less directly on the equator and the length of the night and the day are almost the same).

A. a/an

**B. the**

**Explanation: uniquely identifiable = HK+**





**Explanation: western = uniquely identifiable, HK+**

14. This tradition involves a person making a commitment to change \_\_\_\_ unwanted habit or behaviour or setting a personal objective.

**A. a/an**

B. the

**Explanation: New information/referent, HK-**