*Приложение 1. Рабочий лист №1*

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***Read about some unusual New Year’s Eve traditions which take place around the world. Watch them with the pictures above.***

Did you know that more people celebrate New Year around the world than any other holiday? But, of course, that doesn’t mean that we all celebrate it in the same way.

**1.** As the clock approaches midnight, everyone gathers around the TV to watch the 12 chimes of the bells while they eat their fortunate grapes. The 12 lucky grapes are meant to bring you luck for the next 12 months of the year. This old tradition marks the end of one year and the beginning of the next with the hope that it will be better and more joyful than the previous one.

**2.** People wear polka dots and serve twelve round-shaped fruits, for example grapes, oranges, melons and watermelons for the festive dinner. They believe that this will bring prosperity as round shapes are associated with coins and wealth. At midnight, children jump as high as they can because they believe it will make them taller.

**3.** When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, people start heading to the homes of their loved ones to be the first footer – the first person to enter the home in the new year. It’s said the first-footer sets the tone for the new year, so they’re always warmly welcomed. It’s believed that if a dark-haired man is the first-footer, you’ll have the best luck in the new year. This is because these men traditionally bring coal and salt as gifts, which symbolise prosperity.

**4**. Going to a fortune-teller can either be a fun or harrowing experience. However, one New Year tradition involves foreseeing your future. People melt tin horseshoes, pour the molten metal into cold water, and use the resulting solid to gain insight into the coming year. Its shape and shadow supposedly reveal everything, and a broken piece of tin is considered a sure sign of bad luck.

**5.** People believe that throwing old things on New Year’s Eve will determine their fate in the coming year. The custom is to throw your old things – particularly pots, pans, clothes and furniture – out of the window at midnight. This is to prepare the house for the new good fortune that the new year will, hopefully, bring!

**6.** Joya no Kane is a Buddhist ritual that takes place at midnight on New Year’s Eve. It involves ringing a bell exactly 108 times. Buddhists believe that humans are entrapped by 108 different desires that keep people suffering. The chimes symbolize purification from the accumulation of these passions over the previous year.Some people decorate their homes with straw ropes to ward off evil spirits and welcome good luck and happiness.