

1. Answer the questions from the reading text.

a) What is one example of a different New Year calendar?

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b) How does burning effigies of celebrities help?

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c) How do Finns predict the future?

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d) Why do the Japanese try not to break their soba noodles?

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2. Choose the correct contextual meaning for the underlined words/phrases in the reading text.

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| a) Lunar | 1. a long life |
| b) Ringing in | 2. objects made in the image of someone |
| c) Bonfire | 3. metal so hot that it is liquid |
| d) Blazing | 4. the moon |
| e) Effigies | 5. a large fire outdoors around which people celebrate something |
| f) Molten | 6. burning |
| g) Prosperous | 7. celebrating |
| h) Longevity | 8. financially successful |