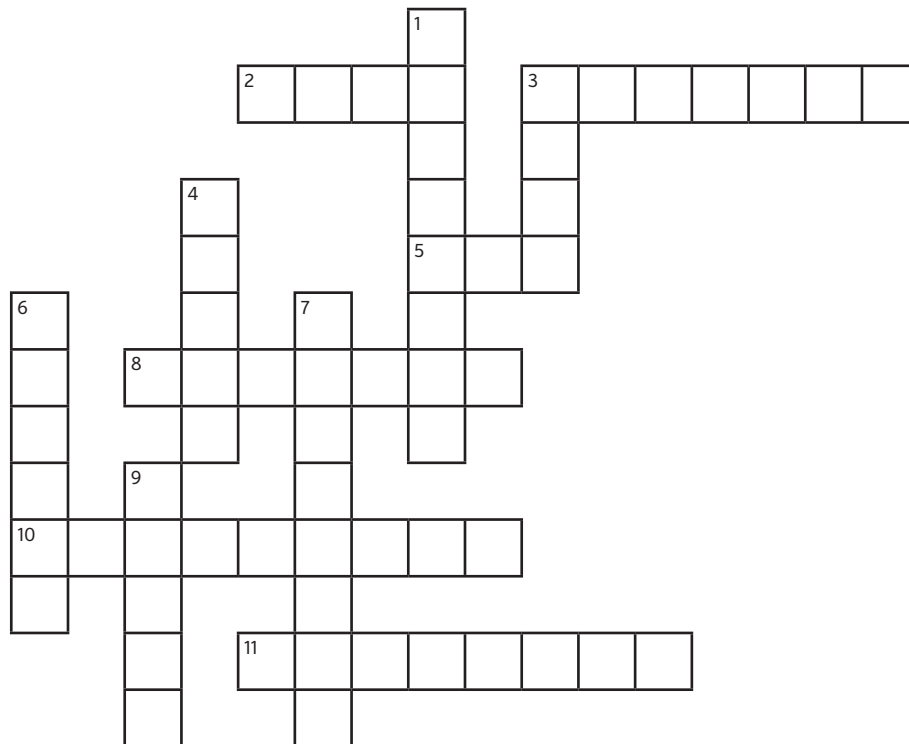


How to ring in the New Year

Read the texts and write in the correct titles.

1. **12 grapes for luck**
 2. **New Year's letters to parents**
 3. **Onion on the door**
 4. **Throwing plates**
 5. **12 meals during the night**
 6. **Telling fortunes with melted lead**
 7. **Mistletoe under the pillow**
 8. **Burn your enemy**
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- a) The Greeks believe that an onion is a symbol of rebirth. They hang onions on the front door.
 - b) In Estonia, they eat 7, 9, or 12 meals on New Year's Eve. People believe they will get the strength of that many men when they eat it.
 - c) In Ecuador, people make effigies of their enemies from newspapers and wood. They burn the effigies at midnight.
 - d) Kids in Belgium make fancy cards and write letters to their parents. The cards are usually decorated with angels and roses.
 - e) Irish girls and women put leaves of mistletoe under their pillows. They believe this will bring them a husband.
 - f) As the clock starts to strike midnight, Spaniards make a wish while eating a grape with each chime. A late-night dinner follows. Many Spaniards then go to bars and clubs where they celebrate till morning.
 - g) The Finns melt lead in a pan on the stove and then quickly throw it in the cold water. The shape of the lead will tell them their fortune in the coming year.
 - h) People in Denmark have a strange tradition. They throw dishes on their friends' doorsteps and believe they will have many friends in the New Year.

Complete the criss cross.



Across

2. is the first summer month.
3. is the first month of the year.
5. In, trees are in bloom and love is in the air.
8. We celebrate Halloween at the end of
10. School starts in
11. is the shortest month of the year.

Down

1. Everybody loves because of Christmas.
3. Summer holidays start in
4. Spring begins in
6. is the eighth month.
7. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in
9. is the crazy month.

Across: 2. June, 3. January, 5. May, 8. October, 10. September, 11. February
Down: 1. December, 3. July, 4. March, 6. August, 7. November, 9. April