

# Activity Pack

We know these are difficult times so we thought we would create something to keep you occupied. We hope it helps.

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## Quiz

### **Finish the saying**

Like two peas in a \_\_\_\_\_

That's a turn up for the \_\_\_\_\_

Truth is stranger than \_\_\_\_\_

He really is top \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions**

On New Year's Day 1993, which former country effectively split into two?

In Scotland, 'first-footing' is a tradition which involves visiting homes with a gift of whisky and which other item?

The month of January is named after which Roman god of doorways?

This opening line appears in which novel: "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way"

What word represents 'H' in the NATO phonetic alphabet?

### **How many can you get?**

Name 8 foods that are eaten for good luck on New Year's Day throughout the world

Name the football teams that Alex Ferguson managed

Name the countries in NATO

## **Jokes**

Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve?

It's too far to walk.

What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve?

Chill out.

Why should you put your new calendar in the freezer?

To start off the new year in a cool way.

What's a cow's favourite holiday?

Moo Year's Eve.

What do you say to your friends on New Year's Eve?

I haven't seen you since last year.

## Word search

### New Year

d s t i i v c x o x w p d s l  
p q f s m u s a w w l n d p j  
d x s a w t j d n a l p i q x  
o a c n g v t a n a h q c w p  
w w s u o y q n n i r v o w u  
s e m d e i i r w u k b g h b  
o n a l m n t x e e a q h d t  
m p e h g t o u k e u r a b s  
j g r o s s d p l v q z y z v  
a g d e s e g t d o x b r d e  
l i p n o a r h v j s x b d n  
y o o g d i t f n i n e s v e  
h g j l y t o g e t h e r c q  
f b h c d f n k m n d l j f w  
a v q h b r e v o c s i d z q

new  
fresh  
resolutions  
hopes  
dreams  
planning  
plan  
old  
vow  
together  
january  
discover

## Drawing Challenge

Draw:

- Something new
- Something fresh
- Resolutions

It's up to you what you draw with these challenges, it can mean something different for you than it might be for someone else.

Use different forms if you have them paint, pencils, felt tips, chalk, crayons. These can be helpful to layer up and bring texture if they suit your drawing.

## **Maths quiz**

Which is the smallest number?

1454      1456      1453      1444

What does the symbol  $<$  mean?

What is  $78210 + 3782 =$

What is  $3294 - 89 =$

## **Poetry**

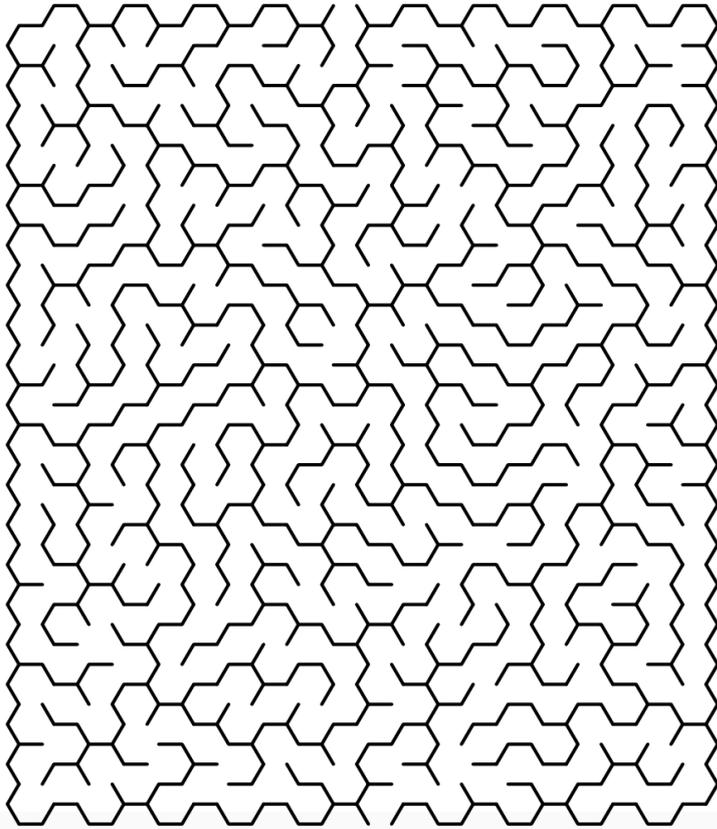
Make the following into a poem;

What I hope for this year....

What I plan for this year....

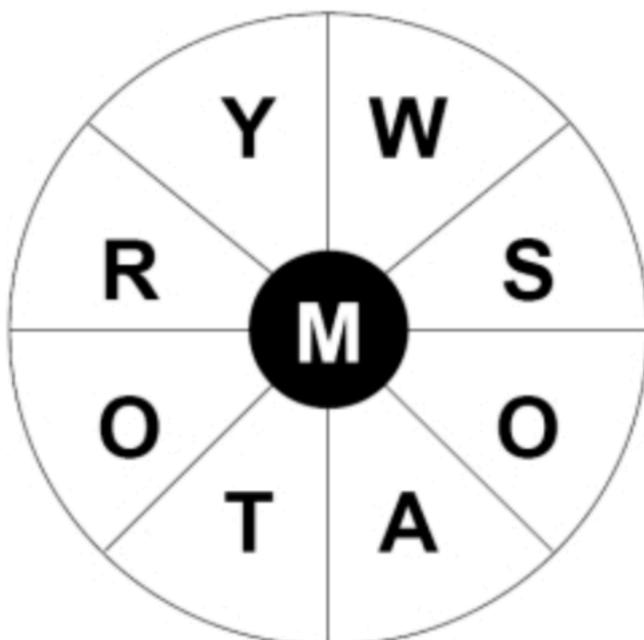
What I'll get this year.....

## Maze



## Word Wheel

How many words can you make with the letters from the word wheel? Each word must use the letter in the centre of the wheel.



## **Read: Burning the Old year by Naomi Shihab NYE**

Letters swallow themselves in seconds.  
Notes friends tied to the doorknob,  
transparent scarlet paper,  
sizzle like moth wings,  
marry the air.

So much of any year is flammable,  
lists of vegetables, partial poems.  
Orange swirling flame of days,  
so little is a stone.

Where there was something and suddenly isn't,  
an absence shouts, celebrates, leaves a space.  
I begin again with the smallest numbers.

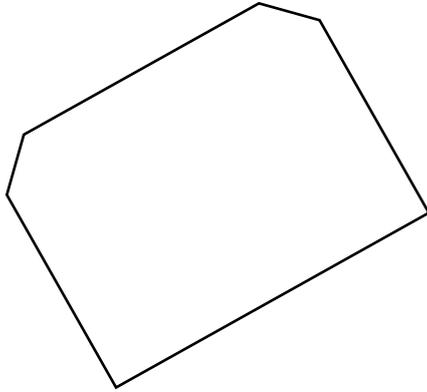
Quick dance, shuffle of losses and leaves,  
only the things I didn't do  
crackle after the blazing dies.

### **Caption competition**

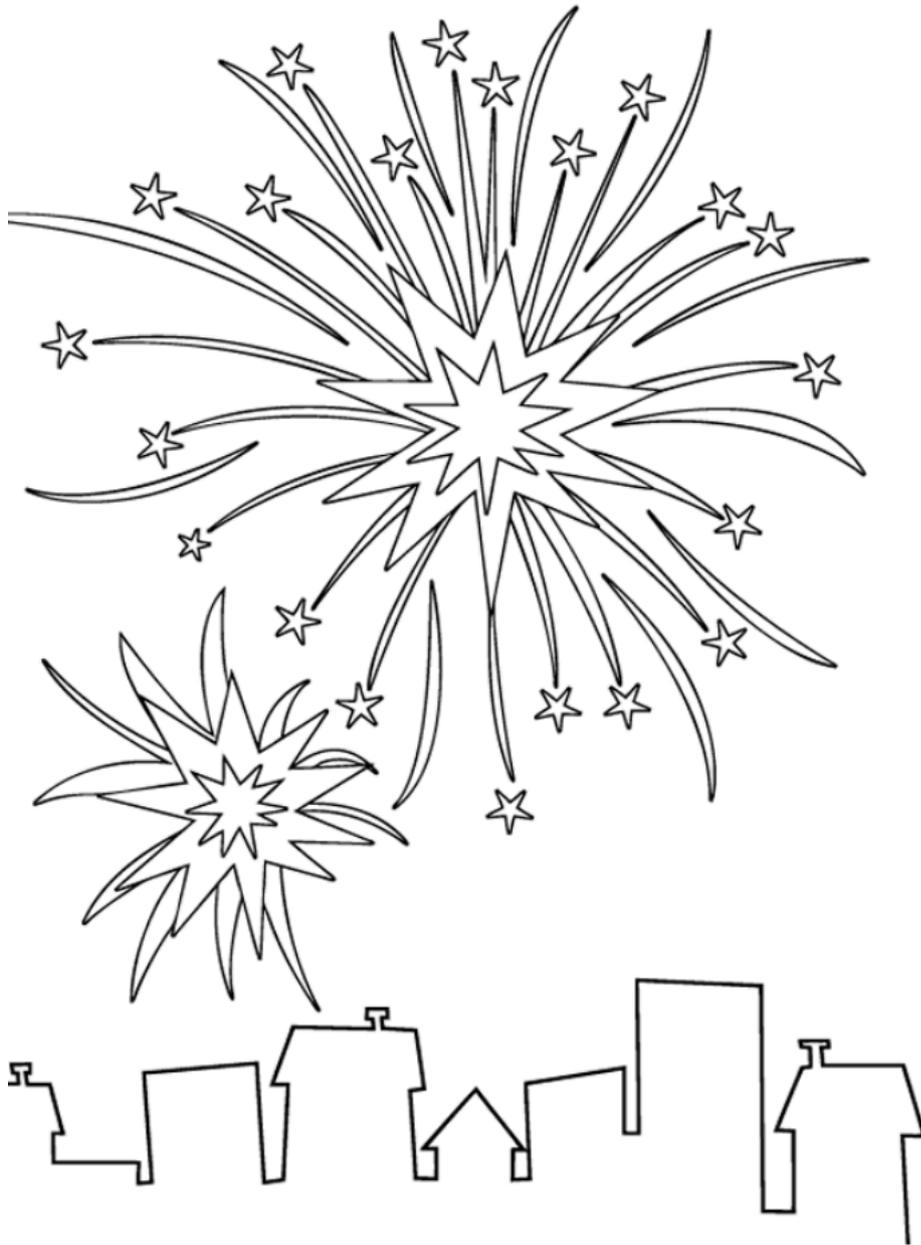
Come up with a caption for the following image, the funnier the better!



**Create a picture**



Colour



**Name the city and country where these firework displays took place**





## Quiz Answers

### **Finish the saying**

Like two peas in a \_\_\_\_\_ *pod* \_\_\_\_\_

That's a turn up for the \_\_\_\_\_ *books* \_\_\_\_\_

Truth is stranger than \_\_\_\_\_ *fiction* \_\_\_\_\_

He really is top \_\_\_\_\_ *dog* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions**

On New Year's Day 1993, which former country effectively split into two?  
*Czechoslovakia*

In Scotland, 'first-footing' is a tradition which involves visiting homes with a gift of whisky and which other item? *A lump of coal*

The month of January is named after which Roman god of doorways? *Janus*

This opening line appears in which novel: "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way" *Anna Karenina*

What word represents 'H' in the NATO phonetic alphabet? *Hotel*

### **How many can you get?**

Name 8 foods that are eaten for good luck on New Year's Day throughout the world

*Noodles, Pomegranate, Green Cabbage, Lentils, Fish, Pork, Greens, Black eyed peas.*

Name the football teams that Alex Ferguson managed

*St Mirren, Manchester United, Aberdeen, East Stirlingshire*

Name the countries in NATO

*Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania,*



**Name the city and country where these firework displays took place**  
**answers**



Rio de Janeiro Brazil



Sydney, Australia



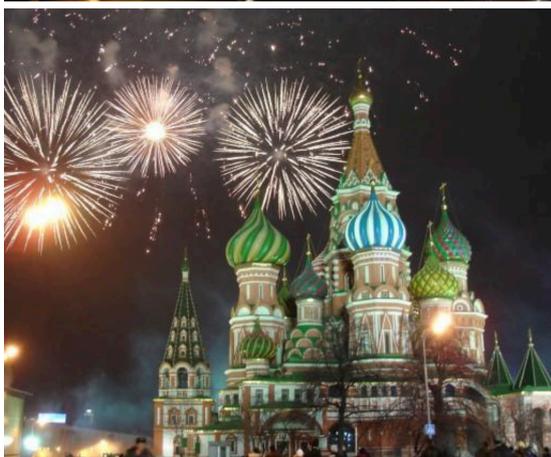
London, England



Orlando, USA



Paris, France



Moscow, Russia