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1. **Read this text about New Year in Japan. Then answer the questions.**

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はからまでをいます。ではもなのつで、がまってのあいさつをしたり、にったりします。なべ、び、などもたくさんあります。やもむところがいです。

NEW WORDS

　 New Year

も the most important

event/activity

relatives

first shrine visit of the year

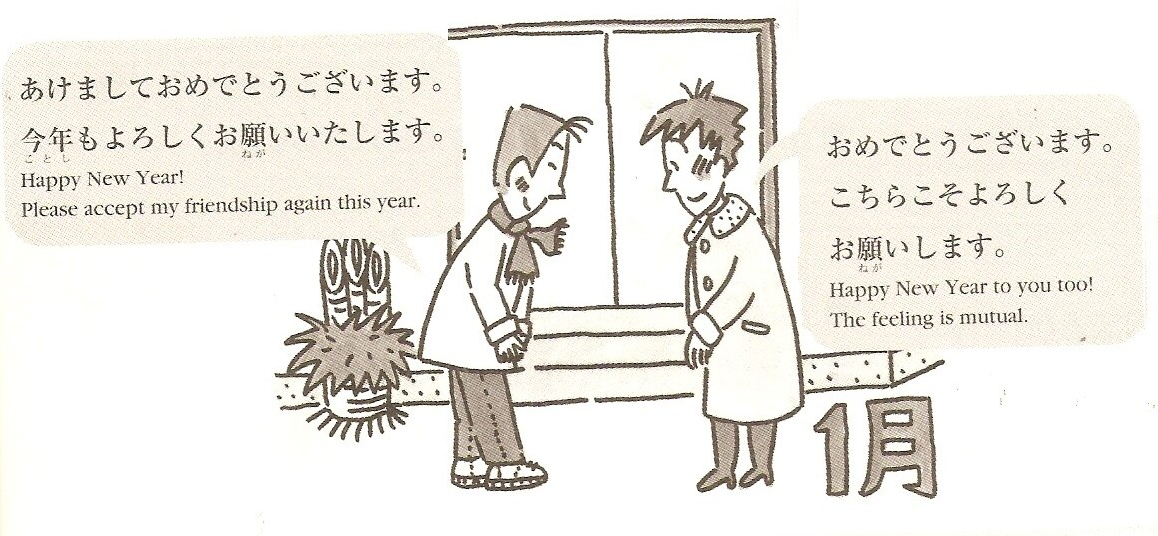
traditional

1. 正月はいつからいつまでですか。\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. 正月の時、何をしますか。\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. 会社や店は開いていますか。

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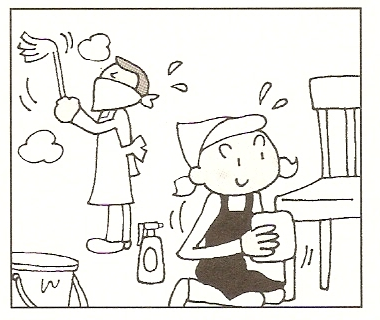
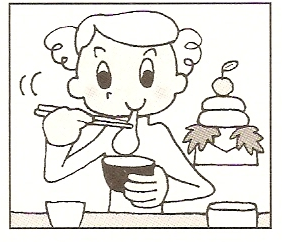
1. **How do you say ‘Happy New Year’ in Japanese? Read and listen to the two conversations below. Then practice them with a partner.**



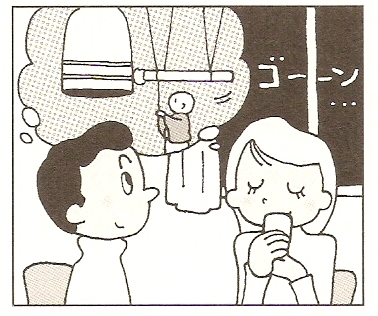
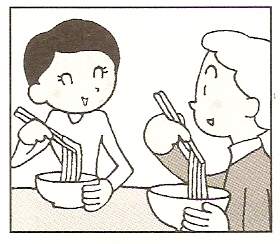


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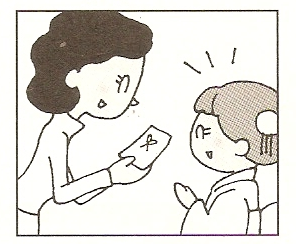
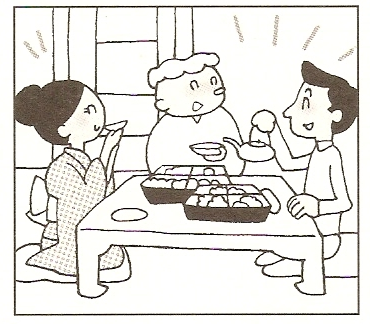
1. **In Japan there are a variety of customs and events in the New Year period. Look at the traditions below. Match the pictures with the Japanese in the box.**

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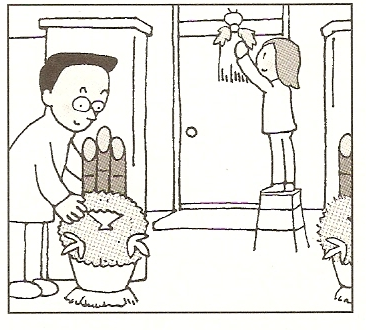
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にく おをべる

やおりをる しそばをべる

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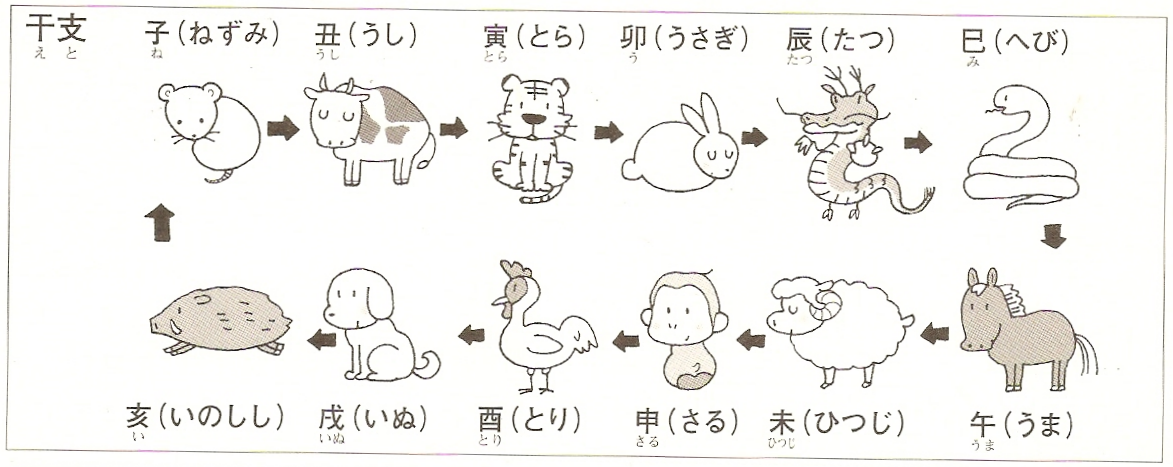
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1. **Discuss with a partner:**

オーストラリアでは、をどのようにごしますか。

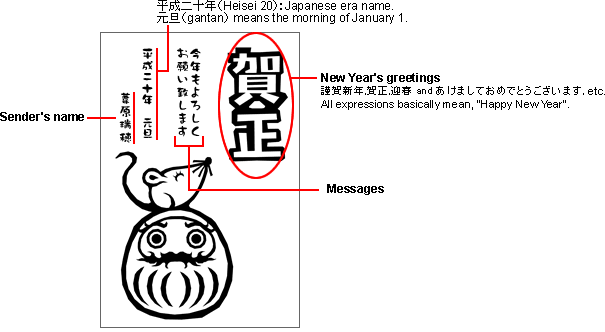
1. **Japanese （New Year postcards） often use the present year’s Chinese zodiac () as the main design. 2008 was the year of the ねずみ. What is this year’s zodiac?**



1. **Let’s make a 年賀状.**

Research ‘nengajoo’ or ‘nengajyo’ on the Internet. These sites might help you get some ideas:

* <http://www.nengajoo.com/unique/>
* <http://print-e-shop.com/service_menu/nenga_design/nenga_design-b.html>
* <http://www.japaneseform.com/en/otherhtm/nengajyo.htm>

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| **‘Happy New Year’ in Japanese:** | **Other expressions** |
| けましておめでとうございます｡  おめでとうございます｡        んでのおびをしげます｡ | はおになりありがとうございました｡  Thank you for all your kind help during the past year.  もどうぞよろしくおいします｡  I hope for your continued favour this year.  のごをおりしげます｡  Wishing everyone good health. |

**Use this template to make a New Year’s card. Use this year’s 干支 as your main theme.**

ANSWERS:

1.

1. からまで　From January 1 until January 7
2. がまってのあいさつをしたり、にったりします。なべ、び、などもたくさんあります。Relatives get together to exchange New Year greetings and to make their first visit of the year to a shrine. There are many kinds of traditional foods, games and activities for the New Year.
3. あいていません。やもむところがいです。They’re not open. Businesses and shops often close down for this period.

3.

にく をする おをべる

First shrine visit of the year Big clean up Eat mochi cake soup

のをく おせちをる しそばをべる

Listen to the temple bell Make New Year obento Eat ‘Year end’ soba

rung 108 times on New Year's Eve

おをあげる をもらう をく

Give New Year money gift Receive New Year postcards Have a New Years party

やおりをる

Hang up ‘Gate pine’ and

New Year ‘offering’ decorations

2009 　うし

2010　とら

2011　うさぎ

2012　たつ

2013　へび　etc.