



Happy New Year!

- Let's Talk
- Some facts about holiday
- Answer the questions
- New Year's traditions



Let's talk...

- Do you like New Year's Day? Why?
- What presents do you like to get and to give?

History of New Year(1)

New Year is one of the main holidays not only in Russia, but also all over the world.



History of New Year(2)

Since Xth century Russia celebrated New Year on March 1st, in XV century New Year was transferred to September, 1st.



History of New Year(3)



Peter I changed a calendar according to the West-European calendar. The Russian began to celebrate New Year on January, 1st, but again with backlog for 14 days from the Gregorian calendar.



Holiday Traditions

New Year's Day is the most beloved holiday for all Russians.

Many people go to the countryside to ski. Others love to stay at home with their relatives and friends. New Year's day is a holiday, when 4 people spend time with their family.



Fur Tree

Most Russians get fur trees shortly before the holiday season and decorate it with different toys and lights. Russians do not decorate their windows as in western countries; however, in the past few years this tradition has slowly grown and sometimes you can see lights in the windows of people's homes.



Ded Moroz (father Frost)



Ded Moroz brings presents to children. He often brings them in person, at the celebrations of the New Year, at New Year parties for kids by the New Year Tree. Ded Moroz is accompanied by Snegurochka, or 'Snow Maiden', his granddaughter.

Ded Moroz's Appearance

Ded Moroz wears a heel-long fur coat, a semi-round fur hat, and white valenki or high boots, silver or red with silver ornament. Unlike Santa Claus, he walks with a long magical staff, does not say "Ho, ho, ho," and drives no reindeer but a troika.



Ded Moroz's Residence



The official residence of Ded Moroz in Russia is the town of Veliky Ustyug.



Answer the questions

- Who changed the calendar according to the West-European?
- What do people do on New Year?
- What do Russian people usually decorate?
- How does Ded Moroz bring presents?
- How does Ded Moroz look like?
- Where does he live?

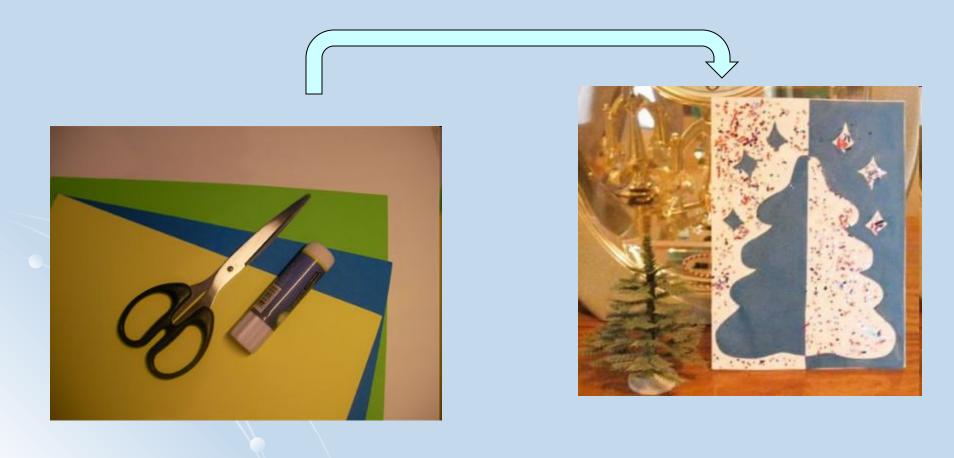




The tradition of writing or



You need some sheets of paper, glue, pencils and scissors...



The tradition of giving presents...



Every child like toys? Let's make it ourselves...

You need a sheet of paper and scissors...

...congratulate your friends with...

