

Bet You Didn't Know: New Year's Eve

-1- Before watching a History.com video about New Year's Eve, make sure that you know the words and the phrases in the box. Consult the dictionary if necessary.

equinox / solar / lunar / auspicious / to restore / pagan / kaleidoscopic / pattern / buckwheat / noodles / fall [AmE] / Times Square / Babel / resolution / celebration / dumpling

-2- Now watch the video twice and choose the most suitable option to complete the sentence!

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