A. Pre-reading (プレリーディング)

Discuss your answers briefly with your tutor.
講師と、あなたの意見を簡潔に話しましょう。

1. What are you and your family planning to do for the year-end holiday?
2. Do you have special meals during the holidays?
B. Reading （リーディング）
Read the text below. Your tutor will correct your pronunciation.
以下の文章を読みましょう。講師が発音を指摘します。

New Year’s Day

New Year’s Day is probably the biggest public holiday still celebrated today, which dates back at least four millennia. With majority of the countries using the Gregorian calendar, it is observed around the world with spectacular firework displays, merrymaking, and delicious foods as the clock strikes midnight.

New Year’s celebrations start on the evening of December 31, often referred as New Year’s Eve, and into the first few hours of January 1. A few of the common New Year customs worldwide include watching fireworks, eating hearty meals, singing "Auld Lang Syne", and making resolutions. This day does not only mark the beginning of another 365-day journey, but is also a chance for most people to better themselves, thus, the new year’s resolution. Most people also like to attend church service or visit temples with their loved ones to wish for good luck on this momentous occasion.
C. Vocabulary (ボキャブラリー)
 Read the following words with your tutor.
 講師と以下の単語を読んでみましょう。

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<td>noun</td>
<td>plural form of millennium which means a thousand years period</td>
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<td>merrymaking</td>
<td>noun</td>
<td>festive activity</td>
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<td>spectacular</td>
<td>adjective</td>
<td>very exciting to look at</td>
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<td>custom</td>
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<td>hearty</td>
<td>adjective</td>
<td>(of food) abundant; nourishing</td>
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<td>resolution</td>
<td>noun</td>
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D. Comprehension questions （確認問題）
 Answer the following questions according to what you have read.
 上で読んだ文章に基づいて、以下の質問に答えましょう。

1. When did celebrating New Year’s Day start?

2. What calendar is the most widely used?

3. How is New Year’s Day celebrated according to the article? Give at least 3 ways.
E. Conversation questions

Start a conversation with your tutor using the guide questions below.
以下の質問文を使って、講師と会話をしてみましょう。

1. What was the happiest thing for you this year?
2. Do you have a new year’s resolution?
3. How do you welcome the new year?
4. Is there something about this year/last year that you would like to change? Why?
5. What are you looking forward to next year?