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Christmas Conditionals

Student A

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If the first person to enter the house after midnight on New Year's Day is a dark haired, man you will

- a) have good luck.
- b)
- c)

If the first person to enter the house after midnight on New Year's Day is a red head and/or a woman, you will

- a)
- b)
- c) have bad luck.

If you open the door at the stroke of midnight on New Year,

- a)
- b)
- c) good luck will come into the house, and bad luck will leave.

If you find a ring in your Christmas pudding, you will

- a) be the next person at the table to marry.
- b)
- c)

If you put a piece of Christmas cake under your pillow, you will

- a)
- b) dream of your future husband.
- c)

If a child is born on New Year's Day, the family will become

- a)
- b) rich.
- c)

If a girl sees a man passing her window when she first looks out on New Year's Day, she

- a)
- b) will get married before the end of the year.
- c)



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If you sweep the house on New Year's Day,

- a)
- b)
- c) you will sweep the good luck out.

If the first person to enter the house after midnight on New Year is carrying some coal, this means your family

- a) will be warm.
- b)
- c)

If you count the number of days between the first snow and Xmas Day, that will tell you

- a) how many snowy days there will be that winter.
- b)
- c)

If the fourth of January is rainy, that means that April (the 4th month) will

- a)
- b) be rainy too.
- c)

If you don't pay back your bank loans before New Year, you will

- a)
- b)
- c) be in debt all year.

If you pour beer into the sea,

- a) the fishing will be better in the New Year.
- b)
- c)

If you are born on Xmas Day, you will never

- a)
- b)
- c) meet a ghost.

