



# 10 NEW YEARS MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES



## DON'T DROP THE BALL

### Items needed:

A balloon

### How to play:

At 11:59 PM New Years Eve, the ball in Times Square drops, counting down the last minute until the new year. In this challenge, you must keep the inflated ball - in this case, a balloon - from hitting the ground too soon. Using only the power of our breath, keep the balloon aloft for 60 seconds. If the balloon touches the ground or you use your hands, you'll be starting the new year on the wrong foot.

## LONG SNAPPER

**Items needed:**

A large package of toilet paper  
A hula hoop

**How to play:**

New Years is one of the biggest football days of the year, but do you have the skills to make the team? In this challenge you will test your skills as a long snapper. Your task is to “hike” twelve toilet paper rolls through a hula hoop twelve feet behind you. Complete this task in 60 seconds or less, and you just might win the big game - or a small prize.

## GET FIT... SORT OF

**Items needed:**

Four pedometers

**How to play:**

Many people make the New Years resolution to get fit. In this game you will have four pedometers strapped to you - two on the wrists, two on the feet. Pedometers are designed to count how many steps you take trying to get fit. Your challenge is to rack up 100 “steps” on each of the 4 pedometers. Complete this challenge in 60 seconds or less, or you’ll be just another person with a broken resolution.

## WHAT ARE THE WORDS AGAIN?

### Items needed:

Index cards with one word each from the first two lines of the song "Auld Lang Syne" written on them.

### How to play:

Every New Years Eve at midnight, millions gather to celebrate, to sing, and to wonder in unison, What does Auld Lang Syne mean anyway? You don't need to know that Auld Lang Syne means "time goes by," but you do need to get the words on the cards in the right order in 60 seconds or less. Correctly arrange the words before your time goes by, and you'll walk away with a prize.

Here are the lyrics for the first 2 lines of "Auld Lang Syne"

*"Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to mind ?"*

## PARTY HAT

### Items needed:

A fishing pole and line

A lamp shade

A blindfold

### How to play:

Everyone needs a party hat on New Year's Eve. If you don't have one, you can always use a lampshade. In this challenge your task is to simply put a lampshade on your head, maneuvering it in place with the fishing rod, while blindfolded. Complete this challenge in 60 seconds or less, and you'll be ready to party!

Teachers Note: You'll want to pre-tie the fishing line to the lampshade before the game begins and make sure there are no fishing hooks still on the line!

## ROSE FACE

**Items needed:**

A bunch of flowers  
A round pizza pan

**How to play:**

The Rose Bowl Parade is a New Years tradition, featuring elaborate floats decorated entirely from flowers and organic-based materials. You don't have to decorate a whole float, but you do need to pluck the petals from enough flowers to make a smiley face on your pizza tray. Make a circle around the outside, eyes, and a mouth in 60 seconds or less, and you win!

## BOXING DAY

**Items needed:**

A small Christmas tree with 30 plastic round ornaments  
A plastic tub

**Set up:**

Set the tree with ornaments up on stage. Set the plastic tub six feet away.

**How to play:**

Are you one of those people who keeps your Christmas decorations up until New Years? Undeck the halls by removing the ornaments from the tree and getting all 30 into the storage tub. You have 60 seconds to complete this challenge. Fail to get all the ornaments into the tub, and you may not get the tree put away until Valentines Day.

## WINNER BY A HEAD

**Items needed:**

A head of cabbage

**How to play:**

Tradition says that if you want to make more money in the New Year, you have to eat cabbage on New Years Day. In this challenge, you must remove all the leaves from the head of cabbage, one by one, until the head is completely stripped. Complete this challenge in 60 seconds or less, and it may be a very rich New Year indeed!

## ROLL IN THE NEW YEAR

**Items needed:**

Four dice

**How to play:**

January 1, 2014 is New Years Day. This date can also be written as 1/1/14. In this challenge, you need to roll the numerical date using dice. Roll one die until you get a 1. Then roll a second die until you get a 1. Roll another die until you get the 1 in 14, then roll a fourth die to get the 4. Roll all four digits in the 1/1/14 date in 60 seconds or less, and you win this challenge.

# RING IN THE NEW YEAR

**Items needed:**

A table

Fourteen glasses, each filled with a different level of water (see below)

A spoon

**How to play:**

There's no better way to ring in the New Year than with a rousing chorus of "Auld Lang Syne." In this challenge, you must arrange the glasses on the table so that when tapped in order, they play the opening bar of "Auld Lang Syne." Complete this challenge in 60 seconds or less, and you'll be ready to ring in the New Year with a song.

*Note:*

*You may want to have the opening bar of "Auld Lang Syne" for students to listen to before beginning the challenge.*