

# Hogmanay Scavenger Hunt

## for young kids



## Scavenger Hunt Card 10: Final Countdown

Explanation: The final countdown marks the transition from the old year to the new one, a moment filled with anticipation and excitement.

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**Clue:** Five, four, three, two, one! Your final clue hides where the countdown is done.

**Hint:** The last clue awaits where the countdown ends.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 9: Hogmanay Song

Explanation: "Auld Lang Syne" is not just a song, but a joyful expression of togetherness and celebration as the new year begins.

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**Clue:** Where music fills the air and Hogmanay joy is there, your next clue awaits somewhere.

**Hint:** Search where the Hogmanay song is played loud and clear.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 8: New Year's Wishes

Explanation: Many people make resolutions or write down their hopes for the new year as a way to set positive intentions.

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**Clue:** Dreams and hopes for the future, find your next clue where wishes nurture.

**Hint:** Find where Scottish treats hide, waiting to be savored.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 7: Hogmanay Treats

Explanation: Traditional Scottish treats like haggis or shortbread are often enjoyed during Hogmanay festivities.

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**Clue:** Haggis or shortbread, search the place where delicious Hogmanay treats can be found.

**Hint:** The last clue awaits where the countdown ends.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 6: Toast to the New Year

Explanation: Families and friends gather to share a toast, expressing good wishes for the new year and celebrating the moments ahead.

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**Clue:** Where a toast is raised to joy and cheer, your next clue is surely near.

**Hint:** Search where glasses clink to welcome the year ahead.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 5: Countdown

Explanation: The countdown to midnight is an exciting part of Hogmanay celebrations, marking the end of the old year and the beginning of the new one.

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**Clue:** Tick-tock, find the next spot where time is counted down to welcome the new.

**Hint:** Seek where the hands of time move toward midnight.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 4: First-Footing Gift

Explanation: The first-footer often brings symbolic gifts like coins, shortbread, or whisky to ensure prosperity and good fortune for the household.

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**Clue:** On New Year's Eve, something small and sweet waits for you where you put your feet.

**Hint:** Discover where the "first-footer" leaves a small gift for good luck.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 3: Auld Lang Syne

Explanation: "Auld Lang Syne" is a traditional Scottish song sung at midnight to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new. It celebrates the enduring bonds of friendship.

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**Clue:** Flip through memories and find your next clue where smiles and laughter never fade.

**Hint:** Find a place where old friends are remembered, and new ones are made.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 2: Fire and Light

**Explanation:** Hogmanay is celebrated with bonfires and the warmth of fire. It symbolizes the hope for a bright and prosperous new year.

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**Clue:** Where flames dance and bring warmth, your next clue hides nearby.

**Hint:** Look where a fiery glow and warm wishes light up the night.

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## Scavenger Hunt Card 1: First-Footing

**Explanation:** In Scotland, the first person to enter a home after the stroke of midnight is called the "first-footer." It is believed that a tall, dark-haired man brings good luck for the coming year.

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**Clue:** Knock, knock! Who's there? Your next clue awaits where shoes tread on the first of the year.

**Hint:** Start the year right, find your first clue where the first step is often taken.

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*Instructions: Print out the card pages. Cut out each row. Fold each card horizontally so that you have the card name on one side and the clue on the opposite side. Place the cards and the prizes in the locations listed below except for card 1 which you will give to the players at the beginning of the hunt.*

CARD 2 - Location: Front Doorstep

CARD 3 - Location: Fireplace or Candle

CARD 4 - Location: Family Photo Album or Gathering Space

CARD 5 - Location: Near a Shoe or Stocking

CARD 6 - Location: Clock or Watch

CARD 7 - Location: Dining Table or Kitchen

CARD 8 - Location: Kitchen or Pantry

CARD 9 - Location: Wishing Well or New Year's Resolution Board

CARD 10 - Location: Music Player or Family Room

PRIZE - Location: Near the TV or another Clock

At the final location, you can have a small treat or a prize for the kids to enjoy as they celebrate the completion of the Hogmanay Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy the festivities!

