New Year's Countdown Categories

3-14 players | About 15 minutes | Ages 8+

PRINT & PREPARE

Print one category-card set and one answer sheet per player. Print single-sided on US Letter at 100% (actual size). For A4, choose Fit. Cut only pages labeled cut-out cards; dotted borders are cutting guides. Adults handle cutting.

GATHER

Paper, Pencils, Timer.

SET UP

Choose a category and give everyone a sheet of paper. Start with 60 seconds on the clock. Each round gets a slightly shorter timer.

HOW TO PLAY

1. In round one, players list as many different answers in the category as they can in 60 seconds.

2. Compare lists. Give one point for each valid answer, even if another person wrote the same answer.

3. Choose a new category for a 45-second round, then another for a 30-second round.

4. Add all three scores. Decide questionable answers together and accept reasonable interpretations consistently.

ADAPT IT

For a mixed-age group, play in adult-child pairs. Keep all rounds at 60 seconds for a relaxed game.

HOST NOTE

Avoid categories that depend on expensive travel or niche knowledge unless everyone enjoys that topic.

Countdown category cards

Cut along the dotted borders. Fold cards if prompts should stay secret.

NEW YEARS EVE 01

Foods served at parties

NEW YEARS EVE 02

Things that sparkle

NEW YEARS EVE 03

Places to celebrate

NEW YEARS EVE 04

Songs with a color in the title

NEW YEARS EVE 05

Things you can do in a minute

NEW YEARS EVE 06

Words that describe winter

Category answer sheet

Print one per player. Use the timing and scoring rules in the guide.

Name: _____

ROUND 1 | Category: _____ | Score: _____

Answer	Answer	Answer

ROUND 2 | Category: _____ | Score: _____

Answer	Answer	Answer

ROUND 3 | Category: _____ | Score: _____

Answer	Answer	Answer