

Happy New Year!

(Exploring the word root **nov** = new)



The first day of January is the beginning of a new year. On this day people often resolve to make improvements in their lives. This is known as making a New Year's resolution. Some people resolve to exercise more, lose weight, read less, or make new friends. What resolution would you like to make for this new year?

The word root **nov** means **new**. It is found in many English words. Can you think of any word that contain **nov** and refer to **new**?

Match the sentence below with the **nov** word in the box on the right.

1. _____ A beginner who is **new** on the job.
2. _____ A **new** and original plan or thought.
3. _____ A **new** trinket or other amusing item.
4. _____ To restore something to good condition; as good as **new**.

- A. **novelty**
- B. **novel** idea
- C. **renovate**
- C. **novice**

Famous Innovations

An **innovation** is something newly made or created that improves the way we live our lives. Throughout history there have been many innovations that have changed the world. Some of the greatest innovations include the domestication of horses, the printing press, electric light, the telephone, and antibiotics. How have each of these innovations improved the lives of people?

People who make innovations are called **innovators**. Can you match these **innovators** with their **innovation** mentioned in the previous paragraph – Thomas Edison; Johannes Gutenberg; Alexander Graham Bell.

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Star Fact: A **nova** is an explosion that occurs on stars near the end of their lives. Ancient civilizations interpreted these explosions as the creation of a **new** star.

