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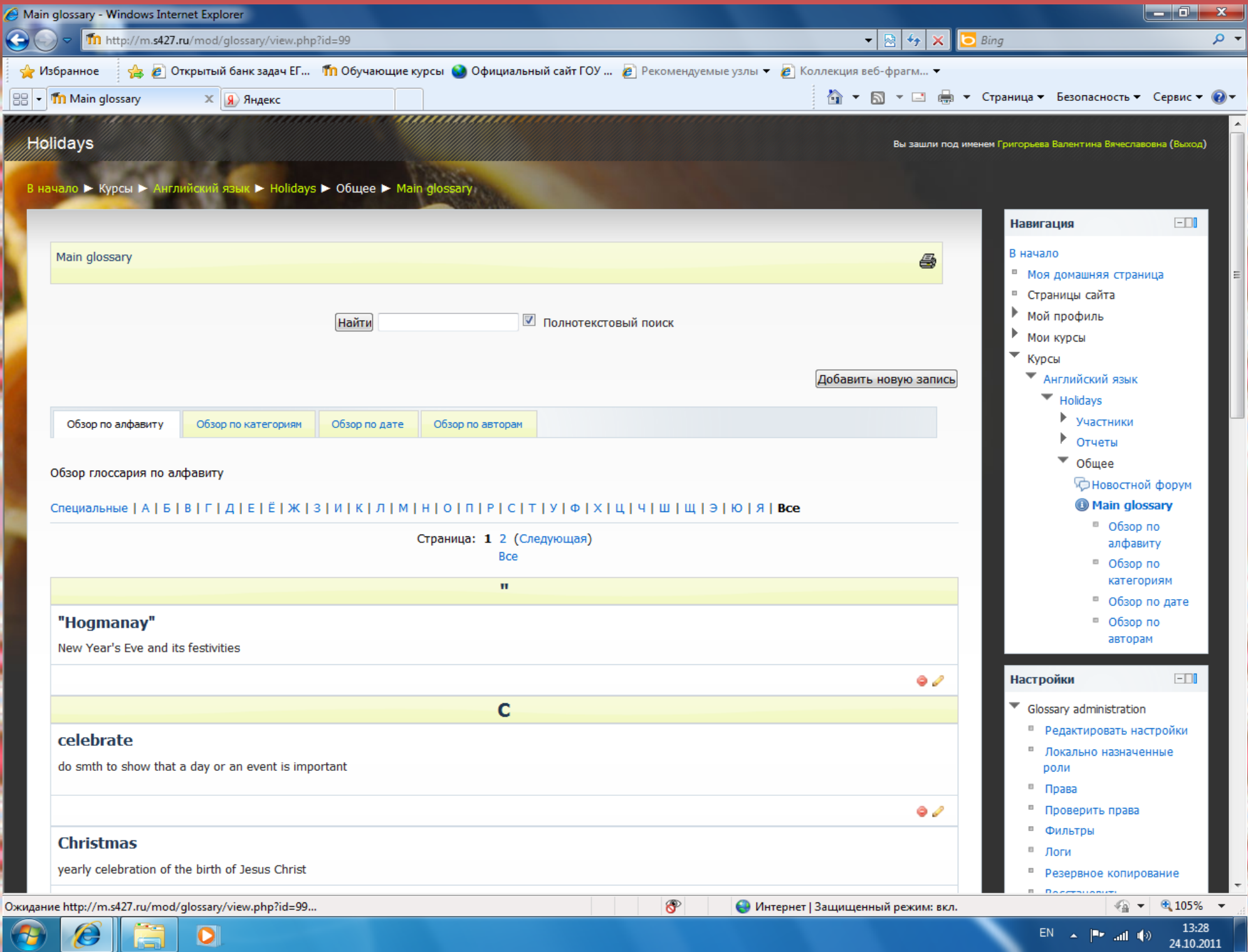
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New Year in England

In England the New Year is not as popular as Christmas. Most people ignore it and on New Year's Eve go to bed at the same time as usual. Some Britons, however, especially the Scots, celebrate it in this or that way. The type of celebration strongly depends on the local custom, family tradition and personal taste. The most famous celebration is, perhaps, in London round the **statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus** where many people get together to sing and welcome the New Year. In Trafalgar Square there are usually crowds of Londoners and tourists who come to see the **famous Christmas tree, an annual gift from Norway.**





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(January 2008)

The **New Year** is the [day](#) that marks the beginning of a new [calendar year](#), and is the day on which the [year count](#) of the specific [calendar](#) used is incremented. For many [cultures](#), the event is celebrated in some manner.^[1]

The New Year of the [Gregorian calendar](#), today in worldwide use, falls on [1 January](#), continuing the practice of the [Roman calendar](#). There are numerous calendars that remain in regional use that calculate the New Year differently.

The order of months in the Roman calendar has been January to December since King [Numa Pompilius](#) in about 700 BC, according to [Plutarch](#) and [Macrobius](#). According to the [Christian tradition](#), 1 January is the day of the [circumcision of Jesus](#) (on the eighth day of his birth), when the name of [Jesus](#) was given to him (Luke 2:21). Since then, 1 January has been the first day of the year, except during the Middle Ages when several other days were the first (1 March, 25 March, Easter, 1 September, 25 December).^[*citation needed*]

With the expansion of Western culture to the rest of the world during the twentieth century, the 1 January date became global, even in countries with their own New Year celebrations on other days (such as [China](#) and [Pakistan](#)).

In the culture of [Latin America](#) there are a variety of traditions and superstitions surrounding these dates as omens for the coming year. January remains a symbol of the New Year's celebration.

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Christmas

25th December, or Christmas Day, is the most important day of the year in England. On 24th December many people start travelling home to be with their families on Christmas Day. For most people in the UK it is the most important festival of the year, which combines the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ with the tradition festivities of winter. On the Sunday before Christmas there is a carol service in many churches, where special hymn are sung. Carol-singers collecting money for charity can be often heard in the streets. Most families decorate their houses with brightly-colored paper or holly and a Christmas tree glittering with multicolored lights.

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Christmas

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Christmas Day is the most important day of the year in _____.

Ваш ответ

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Did You Know? - New Year's Eve - Hogmanay



What does Hogmanay actually mean and what is the derivation of the name? Why do the Scots more than any other nation celebrate the New Year with such a passion? Why should a tall dark stranger be a welcome first foot visitor after midnight, carrying a lump of coal and a slice of black bun?

Read on

The Origins of Hogmanay

A guid New Year to ane an` a` and mony may ye see!

While New Year's Eve is celebrated around the world, the Scots have a long rich heritage associated with this event - and have their own name for it, Hogmanay.

There are many theories about the derivation of the word "Hogmanay". The Scandinavian word for the feast preceding Yule was "Hoggo-nott" while the Flemish words (many have come into Scots) "hoog min dag" means "great love day". Hogmanay could also be traced back to the Anglo-Saxon, Haleg monath, Holy Month, or the Gaelic, oge maidne, new morning. But the most likely source seems to be the French. "Homme est né" or "Man is born" while in France the last day of the year when gifts were exchanged was "aguillaneuf" while in Normandy presents given at that time were "hoguignetes". Take your pick!

In Scotland a similar practice to that in Normandy was recorded, rather disapprovingly, by the Church.

"It is ordinary among some Plebians in the South of Scotland, to go about from door to door upon New Year`s Eve, crying Hagmane."
Scotch Presbyterian Eloquence, 1693.

Hogmanay Traditional Celebrations

Historians believe that we inherited the celebration from the Vikings who, coming from even further north than ourselves, paid even more attention to the passing of the shortest day. In Shetland, where the Viking influence was strongest, New Year is called Yules, from the Scandinavian word.

It may not be widely known but [Christmas](#) was not celebrated as a festival and virtually banned in Scotland for around 400 years, from the end of the 17th century to the 1950s. The reason for this has its roots in the Protestant Reformation when the Kirk portrayed Christmas as a Popish or Catholic feast and therefore had to be banned. Many Scots had to work over Christmas and their winter solstice holiday was therefore at New Year when family and friends gathered for a party and exchange presents, especially for the children, which came to be called hogmanay.



Halloween



October, 31



4. I'm round on all sides. I've got a light inside. Who am I?



Предварительный просмотр теста "Test"

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1

On Sunday before Christmas the carol-singers collect money for _____.

Баллов: --/1

Выберите один ответ.



- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | a. domestic animals |
| <input type="radio"/> | b. witches |
| <input type="radio"/> | c. parents |
| <input type="radio"/> | d. charity |

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2

There is a tradition to give _____ and _____ to each other on Saint Valentine's Day.

Баллов: --/1

Выберите хотя бы один ответ.



- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a. postcards (valentines) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b. presents |
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Lupercalia is known as a _____ festival.

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