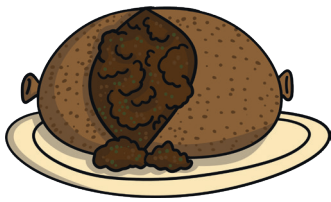


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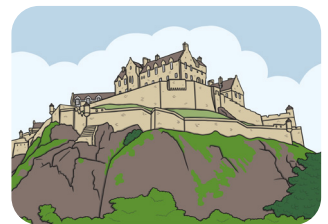
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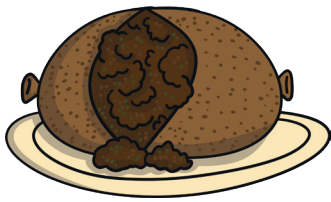
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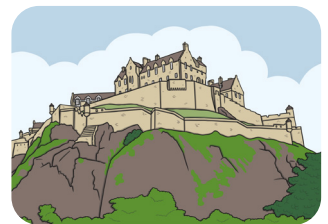
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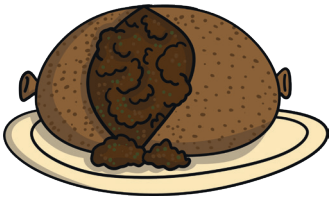
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Knock, knock, who's that at the door?  
Someone to wish us luck for the year ahead,  
We call it a first foot,  
Greeted with coal, whisky and bread.

It's time to go to bed,  
After an evening filled with fun,  
Make resolutions for the year ahead,  
Now the celebrations are all done.



# Questions

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- milk
- butter

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**'Resolution' is the word that means a goal you set for yourself for the year ahead.**

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**Learner's own response required here, but will likely focus on grown-up being busy cleaning the house in a limited time frame.**