

## Kissing - Around the World

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On New Year's Eve, in Iran, people kiss and say "May you live for a hundred years".

Why do people kiss? The answer to that question depends on where in the world you are.

To many people in the world, a kiss means "I love you".

Loving kisses include romantic kisses between lovers or goodnight kisses between parents and children.

Kisses are also a popular way to say hello. In Europe and South America, people often kiss their relatives and friends on the cheek. Some men even kiss each other on the cheek at business meetings.

In parts of Japan, Siberia and among the Eskimo culture, rubbing noses was, until modern times, the only kind of kissing that happened.

In Asia, for centuries, the bow was the traditional greeting and kissing only happened in private.

In Roman times, important nobles kissed cheeks or hands while people of a lower class had to be happy with feet kissing.

However, somehow, lip contact became popular and soon people became more adventurous.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!