

Superstitions

Questions for discussion:

1. Do you believe in superstitions?
2. What for, in your opinion do they exist?
3. Do you have some friends or relatives who strongly believe in it?

Most people in the world have similar superstitions. Here are some of them:

It's extremely _____ to walk under a ladder proper against a wall or building. But if you must pass under a ladder? You can avoid _____ luck by crossing your fingers and keeping them crossed until you see a dog. Another remedy is to spit on your shoe and leave the spittle to do dry.

It's _____ to spill salt. If you do, you must take a pinch and throw it over your left shoulder.

It's very _____ luck to open umbrella in the house – it will either bring misfortune to the person who has opened or to those who live in the house.

It's _____ to take the last piece of bread on the plate.

It's _____ to meet or pass someone on the stairs. If it's unavoidable, cross your fingers.

It's _____ to see one magpie. However, it's lucky to see two, etc.

It's _____ to put shoes on the table. It's _____ luck to pick up scissors that you've dropped!

It's extremely _____ to break a mirror. It means 7 years of _____ luck.

The number thirteen is very _____ and Friday the 13th is a very _____ date.

Burning cheeks or ears mean someone is talking about you. It's a friend if your left cheek is burning. It's an enemy if your right cheek is burning.

A black cat crossing your path will bring you _____ luck.

A horseshoe over the door of a new house brings _____ luck. But it must be the right way up. The luck runs out of a horseshoe if it's upside down.

Clover usually has three leaves, but a few have four. A clover with four leaves is supposed to bring _____ luck.

It's lucky to touch wood. If you feel you've said something that is tempting fate, touch some item of wood with the right hand.