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Warm Up



Tell something about this picture.

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Introduction



Superstition

Superstitions are not based on rationale and practical thought. They've evolved from ancient religious or **supernatural genres**, a huge resource that includes belief in specific events (Halloween), **apparitions** (vampires, werewolves and ghost), charms and **incantations** (salt over the shoulder, avoiding pavement cracks) and **predicting the future** (horoscopes, palm reading).

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Just My Luck

People believe that some things bring good luck. Which ones are common in your country?



Plants



Objects



Numbers



Animals



Stones and Crystals



Events

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Discussion - Common Superstitions



Opening an umbrella indoors causes bad luck.



Walking under the ladder causes bad luck.



Broken mirrors lead to seven years of bad luck



Knock on wood to prevent disappointment.



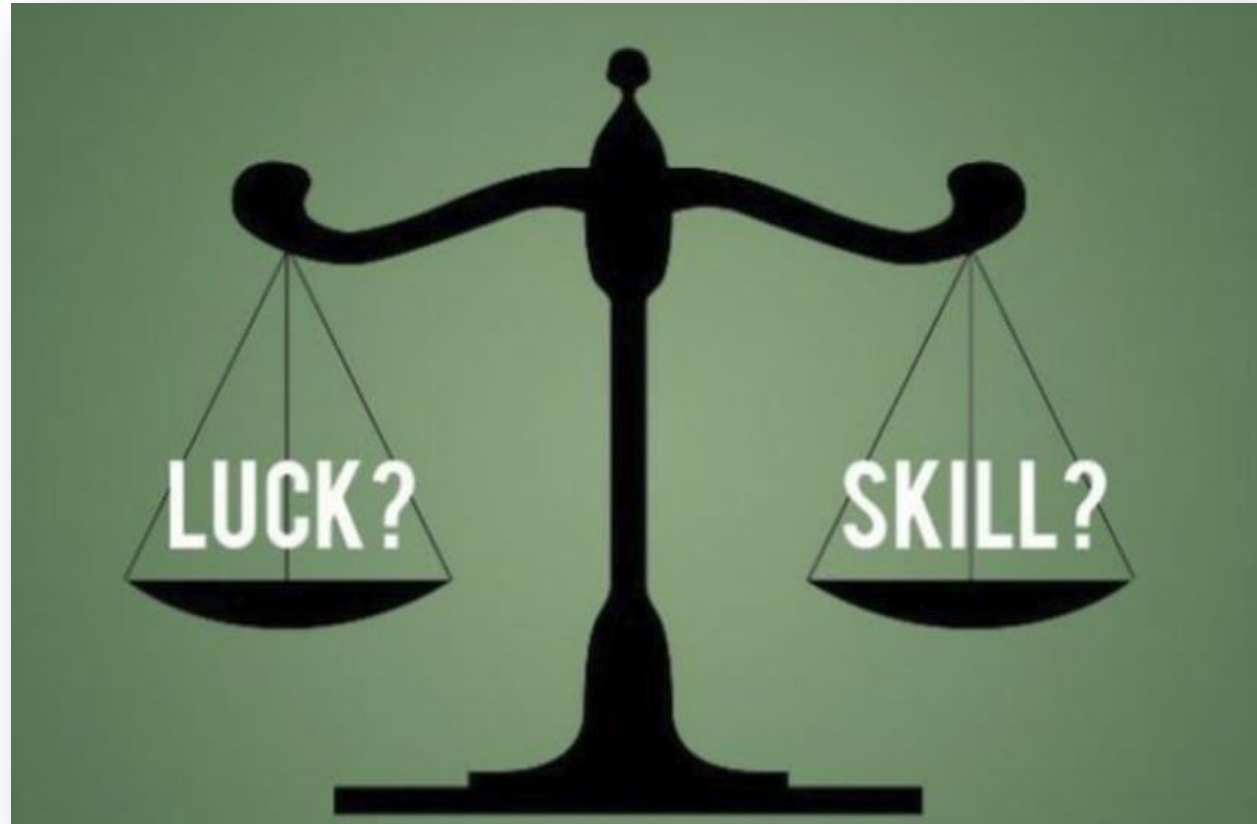
Finding a four leaf clover is lucky.



Seeing the bride before the wedding will call it off.

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Critical Thinking



Where will you swing the scale?

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Effects of Superstitions

Many of superstitions can dramatically affect a person's life.

Friday the 13th is thought of as the most unlucky day of the year. Some people take it so seriously they develop a morbid irrational fear called *Paraskevidekatriaphobia*. There are over 21 million people affected by this in the United States alone. Many people will avoid driving and ships will not sail. Others won't even go to work or eat in restaurants, and you wouldn't dare schedule a wedding on any Friday at all. Everybody knows about Friday the 13th and the story of it being cursed, but some will let it get in the way of their normal everyday functions.

Do you believe that Friday the 13th is a very unlucky day?

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Reading Exercise

**FRIDAY
THE 13TH**

Yesterday was Friday the 13th. Many people believe that Friday the 13th is a very unlucky day. I, myself, didn't think so...until yesterday.



Yesterday, I burned my self while I was cooking. My wife cut herself while opening a package. My son poked himself in the eye while he was putting on his eyeglasses. Our daughter spilt milk all over herself while she was eating lunch. Both our children fell and hurt themselves while they were rollerblading. And we got wet all

over ourselves when we were sitting on a bench in a park.

I'm not very superstitious but yesterday was a very unlucky day. So next time it's Friday the 13th, do you yourself a favor, take care of yourself!

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Reading Comprehension

Which word is correct?

1. He _____ himself while he was cooking.
a. burned b. cut c. poked
2. His daughter spilt _____.
a. Paint b. package c. milk
3. His son poked himself in the _____.
a. Eye b. finger c. glasses
4. His children fell and hurt _____.
a. Themselves b. ourselves c. their selves
5. We got wet paint all over _____.
a. Themselves b. Ourselves c. their selves

What about you?

1. Does anything happen to you on Friday the 13th?
2. Do you do anything different on this day?
3. What do most people in your country do when it's Friday the 13th?

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The Future

FORTUNE TELLER – is a person who tells you what that person thinks will happen to you in the future



What would you like to know about your future?
Ask the Madame!
(Madam: teacher)

Aside from the **CRYSTAL BALL**, what other mediums do you know fortune tellers use to tell our fortunes?

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The Future

Jack is visited Madame Andrea, the famous fortune teller. She told you what is going to happen next year. Which ones do you think will most likely to happen to you?

<p>You will meet a woman and fall in love.</p> 	<p>You're going to get married.</p> 	<p>You're going to take a vacation to a warm, sunny place.</p> 	<p>You're going to have a bad cold.</p> 
<p>Your parents are going to move to a city in California.</p> 	<p>There's going to be a fire in his apartment building.</p> 	<p>Your friends are going to give him a DVD player for his birthday.</p> 	<p>Your boss is going to fire him.</p> 
<p>You're going to start a new job with a bigger salary.</p> 	<p>You're going to be in a car accident but he won't be hurt.</p> 	<p>You're going to win a million dollars in a game show.</p> 	<p>You're going to win a million dollars in a game show.</p> 

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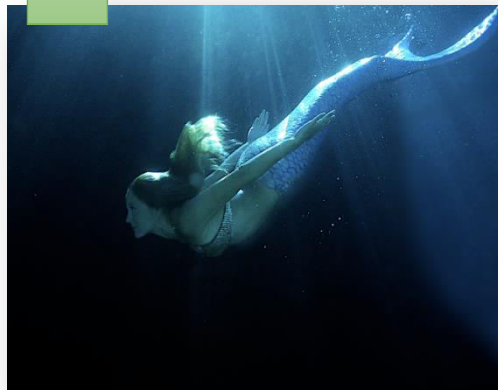
Supernatural World

What do you know about the following? Do you believe in any of them?

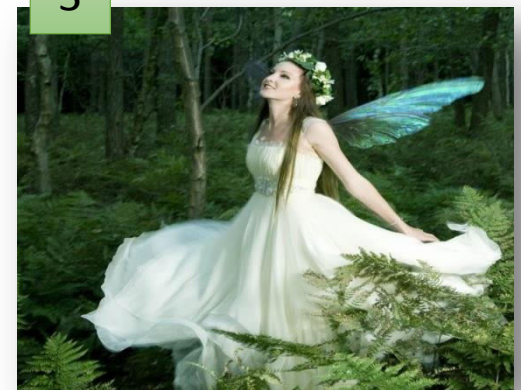
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Vocabulary Building

Complete the 10 sentences with the words on the left.

- A. universe
- B. planet
- C. science fiction
- D. Martian
- E. contact
- F. UFO
- G. solar system
- H. extraterrestrial
- I. telescope
- J. flying saucer

1. A _____ is a kind of alien life that lives on Mars
2. Do you think we should try to _____ aliens? Should we try to communicate with them?
3. A) What kind of movies do you like to watch?
B) I love _____ movies about aliens.
4. You can see things far away with a _____.
5. An _____ is a kind of life form that lives on another planet, not on Earth.
6. Earth is a _____. Mars is, too.
7. A _____ is any unidentified flying object. Some people think they are alien spaceships.
8. I saw a _____ in the sky last night! It was large and round. I'm sure it was an alien spaceship!
9. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are planets in our _____.
10. The _____ is very big. It means all the space, stars and planets that exist.

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Grammar Chunk

- **First Conditional**

The *first conditional* is a structure we use when we want to talk about possibilities in the present or in the future.

A **superstition** is a general truth or belief that is based on fear or misunderstanding, rather than facts or knowledge. Thus, many superstitions can be written and said using this grammar:

If you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck.

If you open an umbrella in the house, you'll have bad luck

You can also put the **if** clause at the end of the sentence:

You will have bad luck if you walk under a ladder.

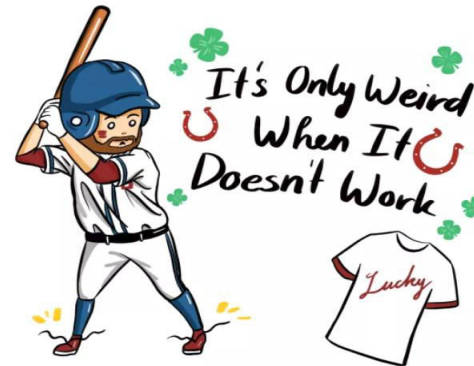
You will have bad luck if a black cat crosses your path

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• Complete the Sentences

1. If you make a wish when you see a shooting star,
 2. If you put salt on the doorstep of a house,
 3. If you catch a falling leaf on the first day of fall,
 4. If you blow out the all of the candles on your birthday cake in one breath,
 5. If you carry a rabbit's foot in your pocket,
 6. You will stay healthy
 7. When we wish for something good, you will get it
 8. You will have bad luck
- a. you will not catch a cold all winter.
 - b. it will keep evil away.
 - c. if you eat an apple every day.
 - d. it will bring luck and protect you from bad spirits.
 - e. if you kill a ladybug.
 - f. if you knock on wood.
 - g. it will come true.
 - h. your wish will come true.



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Idiomatic Expressions



If you ***push your luck***, you try to get more than what you have already obtained and risk spoiling the situation.



Someone who is ***sitting pretty*** is in a good or fortunate situation, especially compared to others who are not so lucky.



If you ***strike gold***, you find exactly what you need : satisfaction, wealth, happiness, etc.

Use these idioms in your own sentence.

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Speaking Drill

1. How do you feel about superstitions? Why? Are you superstitious?
2. Why do you think people continue to believe in superstitions?
3. Do you know anyone who is very superstitious?
4. Have you ever met anyone who has seen a ghost? Where did they see it?
5. What numbers are lucky and unlucky in your country? Why?
6. What lucky things have happened to you recently?
7. What unlucky things have happened to you recently?
8. In some western countries a rabbit's foot or a horseshoe is considered to be a lucky charm. What things are considered to be lucky charms in your country?

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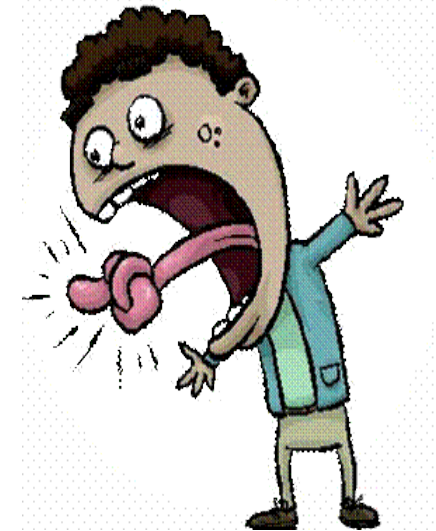
Pronunciation Drills

Tongue Twisters

I wish you were a fish in my dish.

She stood on the balcony, inexplicably mimicking
him hiccuping, and amicably welcoming him in.

Mo mi mo me send me a toe,
Me me mo mi get me a mole,
Mo mi mo me send me a toe,
Fe me mo mi get me a mole,
Mister kister feet so sweet,
Mister kister where will I eat !?



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Pronunciation Drills

Minimal Pairs

	INITIAL	MEDIAL	FINAL
1.	<u>B</u> all, <u>t</u> all	B <u>ab</u> ble, b <u>at</u> tle	C <u>a</u> b, c <u>a</u> t
	/bɒl, tɒl /	/bæbəl, bætəl/	/kæb, kæt/
2.	<u>B</u> ow, <u>p</u> ow	S <u>ta</u> ble, s <u>ta</u> ple	l <u>a</u> b, l <u>a</u> p
	/bau, pau/	/stebəl stepəl/	/læb læp/
3.	<u>D</u> eed, <u>n</u> eed	T <u>id</u> y, t <u>in</u> y	B <u>a</u> d, b <u>a</u> n
	/did, nid/	/tɑɪdi, taɪni/	/bæd, bæn/
4.	<u>D</u> ie, <u>l</u> ie	T <u>id</u> ing, t <u>il</u> ing	P <u>a</u> d, P <u>a</u> l
	/daɪ, laɪ/	/taɪdɪŋ, taɪlɪŋ/	/pæd, pæl/
5.	<u>P</u> ie, <u>t</u> ie	T <u>o</u> pper, t <u>o</u> tter	H <u>i</u> p, h <u>i</u> t
	/paɪ, taɪ/	/tɒpər, tɒtər/	/hɪp, hɪt/

The End