

Read the rhyme. Which picture does it match?

Star light, star bright  
First star I see tonight  
I wish I may,  
I wish I might  
Have the wish I wish tonight.

FRIDAY  
THE  
13<sup>TH</sup>



shooting star



spider



ladybirds



rainbow



white  
butterfly



full moon

The ladybirds are very common insects they are blown

Rainbow symbolism has such a powerful meaning

The white butterfly is unique because it is connected to purity, peace, richness in life, and spiritual connections. The white butterfly indicates the moon.

hearts desire. And the symbol of the Rainbow tells us that we are guided to our hearts desire when we open to spirit to let it guide us.



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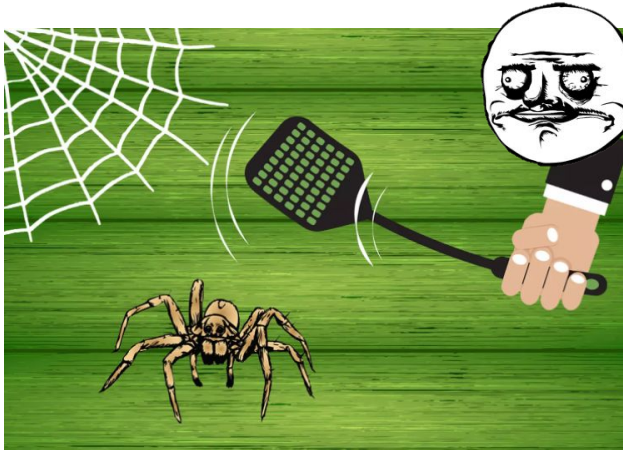
Read the superstitions below. Are there similar superstitions in your country?

Seeing a shooting star is very good luck.

Killing a spider is bad luck.

If a ladybird lands on your hand it is good luck.

Seeing a rainbow when it isn't raining is very good luck.





Read statements A-E about attitudes towards superstition and luck. Which do you agree with the most? Say why.



**Speaker 5**

- A. I find them all so interesting! You know, every superstition has its own history. I love to learn where each one has come from and how it has changed. Our superstitions have even become a part of the way we think and speak. Every country in the world has its different superstitions, and I think they're absolutely fascinating!
- B. S
- C. Y
- D. S
- E. S

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5



Speaker	1	2	3	4	5
Comment	C	A	D	E	B

Read the exchanges and complete the table.

Не стоит переживать об этом.  
Тебе следует ...

- Are you worried about ...?
- What's the problem?
- Is there something wrong with ...?
- Is there anything wrong with you/your ...?

Expressing Worry

- I'm (a bit/really) worried (about/that) ...
- ... really worried.

Reassuring

- Don't worry. Everything will be fine (if you) ...
- There's nothing to worry about. You should ...
- It's quite alright. ... is/are fine.
- I'm sure if you ... (then) ...

There's nothing to worry/be anxious about. You should ...



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- What's the matter?
- Is there something on your mind?
- Is there anything worrying/troubling you/wrong

### Expressing Worry

- I'm (a bit/really) worried/anxious (about/that) ...
- ... really worries me/makes me anxious.

### Reassuring

- Don't worry. Everything will be alright/You'll be fine (if you) ...
- There's nothing to worry/be anxious about. You should ...
- It's quite alright. ... is/are quite harmless.
- I'm sure that if you ... (then) ...

1. tomorrow's exam - Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
(study hard)

Yes, I'm a bit worried about tomorrow's exam as it's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Don't worry about that. I'm sure that if you study hard then you'll be fine.





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2. taking the boat out tonight - full moon (take care)

I'm taking the boat out tonight and I'm a bit **anxious** because there's going to be a full moon.

I'm sure that if you take care then there will be nothing to worry about.



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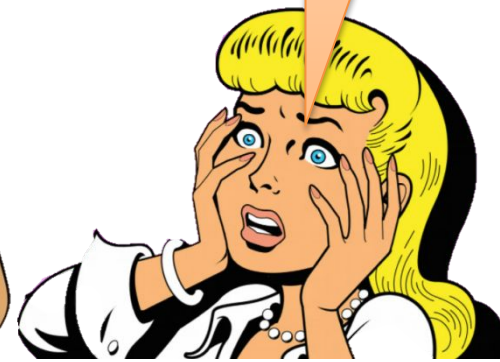
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3. Broken a mirror - 7 years' bad luck (think rationally)

**I'm really worried** as I've broken a mirror. Perhaps I'll have seven years' bad luck!

**Don't worry.** Everything will be fine if you think rationally. It's a superstition.





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4. walked under a ladder - something bad will happen (pay less attention to old wives' tales)

Yes. I walked under a ladder and **I'm worried** that now something bad will happen to me.

**There's nothing to worry about.** You should pay less attention to old wives' tales.



Read the sentences (1-4). Which: *express worry?* *express concern?* *reasure?*

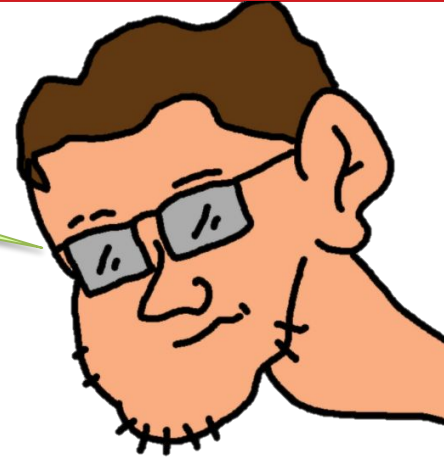


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worry

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I'm really worried about it.

worry



What's the matter?

concern



The sentences have been taken from a dialogue between two friends. What's the dialogue about? Listen and

Oh, no, I can't believe it.

What's the matter?

Oh, no, I believe

The dialogue is about talking about superstitions.

Script

- Lucy: Oh, no, I can't believe it! What am I going to do now?
- Jane: Lucy, what's the matter?
- Lucy: I've just killed a poor little spider – look!
- Jane: Oh, dear! Try not to worry too much. It was an accident, after all.
- Lucy: That's not the point!
- Jane: What do you mean?
- Lucy: Well, killing a spider is bad luck! Didn't you know that?
- Jane: Oh, no! Now you'll never pass your exams or win that school writing competition you entered!
- Lucy: It's not funny, Jane! I'm really worried about it.
- Jane: I'm sorry. I don't mean to make fun of you, but REALLY, Jane! Killing a spider is bad luck? You don't really believe that, do you?
- Lucy: Yes, I'm quite superstitious, you know. I never go anywhere without my lucky charm.
- Jane: Well, I think superstitions are all a load of rubbish. I walk under ladders all the time and nothing bad ever happens ... hey, is that your mobile phone ringing?
- Lucy: Oh, yeah ... oh, it's Mrs Smith, the English teacher! Maybe I did win the competition!
- Jane: You see! Forget the spider! Quick, answer it. Perhaps it's your lucky day, after all!



## Read the dialogue and complete the sentences 1-5.

**Lucy:** Oh, no, I can't believe it! What am I going to do now?

**Jane:** Lucy, what's the matter?

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45. ~~Lucy didn't believe in bad luck.~~  
..... I Mrs Sn a school (writing) competition

# List the superstitions mentioned in the dialogue. Do they bring good or bad luck?

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In pairs read out the dialogue. Give it a title.

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"Along Came A Spider"





Listen to the exclamations and mark the stressed syllables. What are these sentences in your language?



1. That's a load of rubbish!
2. What a coincidence!
3. That's not the point!
4. You lucky thing!
5. Lucky for us!

Полная чушь!

Какое совпадение!

Дело не в этом!

Тебе повезло!

К счастью для нас!

React to the comments below with an exclamation from Ex. 8a. Pay attention to the intonation.

"Isn't it great we've got a day off school tomorrow?"

"Don't worry. It was just a black cat."

"I've just won £100 in a competition."

"Oh, no! I broke a mirror. Now I'll have 7 years' bad luck!"

"I found a four leaf clover and later I found £10 in the street."

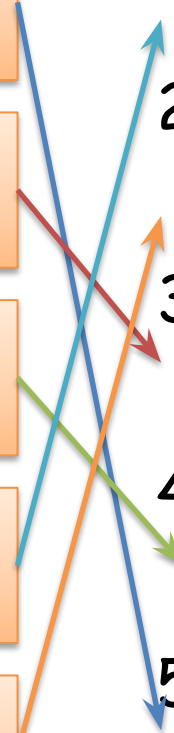
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Choose the correct response. Listen and check.

Good luck for  
tomorrow!

A. You're  
welcome!

B. Thanks,  
I'll need it!





Choose the correct response. Listen and check.

We didn't win  
the match.

A. Better  
luck next  
time.

B. Lucky for  
some.



Choose the correct response. Listen and check.

I'm going on  
holiday next  
week.

A. Lucky  
you!

B. Best of  
luck.



Discuss most popular superstitions in your family with your partner.

To spill salt



To whistle in the house



A black cat crossing  
the street





Think of the most popular superstitions in your country. Discuss them with your partner. Report to the class.



*You're right. It is also bad luck to give anything sharp such as scissors or a knife to someone as a present.*

*True. It is said to be good luck to trip over your left foot or to leave a place while it's raining.*

Find the word missing from each sentence in the grid.

# Workbook

H	B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y
V	Y	F	R	E	V	O	L	C	R
V	L	L	S	E	T	B	U	G	A
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I	S	F	N	T	A	C	A	J	B
D	X	D	I	K	M	X	T	L	O
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## Complete the sentences with the words from the grid.

## SUPERSTITIONS

- 1 Never step on a ... spider ...; it brings bad luck.
- 2 Has a .... ladybird ..... just landed on your hand? Lucky you!
- 3 Oh, no, a broken ..... mirror .....! This means seven years of bad luck.
- 4 Look! A .. shooting . star. Make a wish, quickly!
- 5 Why are you walking under this .... ladder .....? Do you want to have bad luck?
- 6 We're so lucky! We've just seen a .... rainbow ..... and it's not even raining!
- 7 Do you really believe that a four leaf ..... clover ..... brings you good luck?
- 8 My dad says that if the first .... butterfly ..... you see in the year is white, good luck will follow you all year round.





Listen to five people talking about luck. Match the sentences (A-E) to the speakers (1-5).



**A** *Speaker 5*

- B** Lately I've been having one problem after the other. I'm not superstitious, but I really feel I've done something to make Lady Luck angry! But maybe I worry too much. If the saying "good things come to those who wait" is true, then I can only hope that with a little more patience, things will improve for me.
- C**
- D**
- E**

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

SPEAKER	1	2	3	4	5
STATEMENT	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>

## Choose the correct response.

A: Don't get a black cat, they bring bad luck!

B: a. That's a load of rubbish!

b. Thanks, I'll need it!

A: My friend and I were born on the same day, and at exactly the same time.

B: a. That can't be!

b. What a coincidence!

A: I've failed my driving test again.

B: a. Best of luck.

b. Better luck next time.

A: You can't get married on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>; it's bad luck!

B: a. That's just an old wives' tale!

b. That's not the point!

A: I've been feeling a bit anxious lately.

B: a. Is there something on your mind?

b. Why don't you think more rationally?

Use the phrases (A-E) below to complete the dialogue.

- A You don't really believe that, do you?
- B There's nothing to be anxious about.
- C Why, what's the matter?
- D I didn't know you were so superstitious!
- E But ... what's troubling you?



Amy: I can't believe how unlucky I am!

Tom: 1) ..... **C** .....

Amy: Well, it's my birthday on Friday, and I want to have a small garden party.

Tom: Good idea! 2) ..... **E** .....

Amy: There's a full moon on Saturday!

Tom: So? There'll be a nice atmosphere.

Amy: You don't understand! A full moon means trouble. The whole party will go wrong!

Tom: 3) ..... **A** .....

Amy: Yes, ask anyone and they'll tell you the same thing about the moon.

Tom: 4) ..... **D** ..... Let me guess ... black cats and ladders are also a problem, right?

Amy: It's not funny! This is really worrying me.

Tom: 5) ..... **B** ..... Everything will be alright.

