

## What's lucky or unlucky in British culture?

- put money in the pocket of new clothes.
- walk under a ladder.
- put new shoes on the table.
- pass someone on the stairs.
- open an umbrella in doors.
- meet a black cat.
- wear a horseshoe as a charm.
- catch falling leaves in Autumn.
- say "white rabbits, white rabbits, white rabbits" on the first day of the month.

## Russian superstitions.

- 1. If you feel that something bad may happen, knock three (or more) times on a piece of wood to prevent it occurring; this goes back to times when people believed that powerful spirits inhabited the wood.
- 2. Do not whistle indoors: it will blow your money away.
- 3. Never shake hands over threshold (□opor) it will lead to a quarrel. It is better to invite someone into your room or flat before you shake hands.
- 4. If you are going on a long journey, sit down for a few moments before you leave, and your trip will be lucky.
- 5. Don't spill salt. It is bad luck.

## What do people do to protect themselves from bad luck.



## Now it's interesting to know what do you do to protect yourself from bad luck.

- Do you touch wood?
- Do you cross fingers?
- Do you wear a charm?
- Do you kill a spider?
- Do you hate the number 13?
- Do you have a horseshoe over the door?
- Do you look for a fourleaf clover?
- Do you say "white rabbit" on the first day of the month?
- Have you ever seen two magpies?
- Do you believe that black cats are lucky?