



Do You Have Any Superstitions?  
What British Superstitions Do You Know?  
What Russian Superstitions Do You Know?  
What Superstitions Do You Believe in?

# 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 (порог) – 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?