



Lesson:

"Customs and traditions of Kazakhstan and Great Britain"

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Цель урока :

- Сравнить культуры двух стран.
- Повторить грамматику «модальные глаголы» на основе текстов «*Kazakh and British superstitions*».

Задачи урока :

- Практика нового активного словаря.
- Развитие монологической и диалогической речи.

Ожидаемый результат:

- Расширение кругозора студентов;
- пополнение словарного запаса;
- повышение мотивации к изучению иностранного языка.

Kazakh superstitions and beliefs

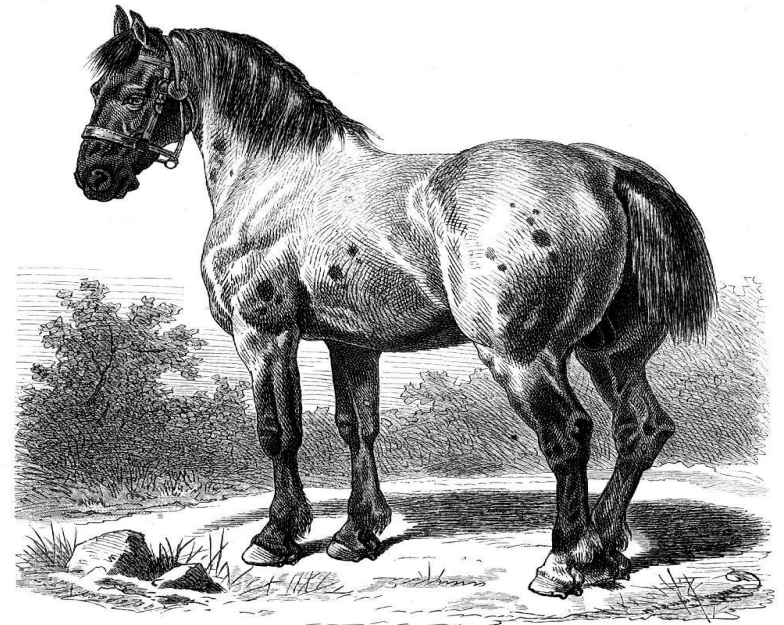


A large number of Kazakh beliefs and superstitions can hardly be applied to modern life. The majority of them came from ancient times, even naturally become a part of today's life, or, at least, can add a lot to our knowledge of Kazakh culture.



Usually, *horse mains* and *tails* are not trimmed, to make sure the horse's owner enjoy good health.

When a horse owner dies, people will trim the mane and the tail of his horse to make it look mournful. Therefore, the Kazakh associate the trimmed mane and tails of their horses with mourning and death.



*If a **dog** follows a horseman leaving his village, people would not try to force it back.*



The dog is devoted to its owner, and if it wants to go with him it means he will have a happy trip.

A pregnant woman cannot have a haircut because it may hurt her motherhood, and the happiness of the child she is having.



If you have *a visitor* during your breakfast, he or she must have some of your food. There is a saying: “One cannot ignore the morning meal” and “If you don’t have breakfast, the community will refuse you”. Therefore, a morning guest can leave your home after he or she has tried some of your food. “Food is men’s support”.



Breakfast is the beginning of a day. Kazakh believe that a good and well prepared breakfast eaten in a good humoured atmosphere can be a good beginning for a successful and fruitful day.

*Kazakhs are always careful with **salt**. Food would be tasteless without salt.*



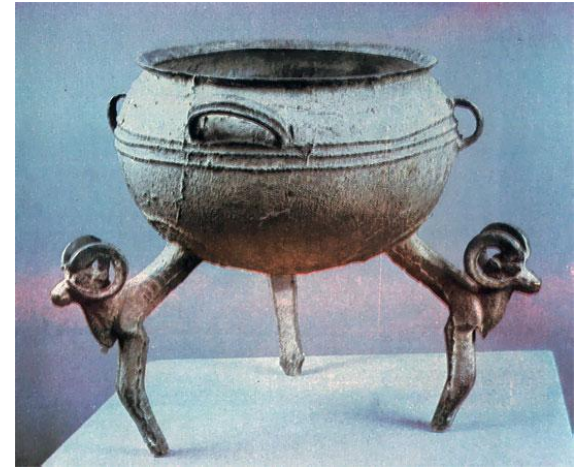
Kazakh's believe that “the essence of food is in its salt”.



Lives of those who have been careless with salt will become salty and bitter until the salt spilt by them dries out.



A cauldron/kazan can not be left facing the entrance door. It is bad luck if a cauldron slips and falls. It means your destiny is escaping, your very well-being is lost, food becomes scanty.



British stereotypes, beliefs and superstitions



*The British, like other people, are given certain characteristics, which are supposed to be typical. These characteristics are called **stereotypes**.*



The first and the main stereotype about Britain is that it is the land of tradition.

Actually, that is partly true, because British traditions are carefully kept within the country, but on the public level.



For example, the annual ceremony of state opening of Parliament carefully follows customs, which are centuries old.





So does the military ceremony of "Trooping the colour".

However, in their private everyday lives, the British don't always follow traditions.

There are many examples of typical British habits, which are not typical nowadays or even out of date. One of them is an image of "city gent" wearing bowler hats.



Actually, this type of hat has not been worn for a long time.

Food is another example.

The British are believed to eat the tradition "British" (or "English") breakfast which consists of fried bacon and eggs, cereals, toast with jam or marmalade, and lots of tea.





However, most people prefer to have a "continental" one.

The image of the British as a nation of tea-drinkers is another stereotype.

Nowadays, more coffee is drunk during the day and "5 o'clock tea" is not widely spread these days.



The British sense of humour is very specific. It is presented mostly in such British movies and other TV series as "Mister Bean" and "Black Adder". All of them present the stereotypes, which aren't often true.



The other stereotypes ...



The British believe that ...



*You must not open **an umbrella** inside a house for it may bring bad luck to you.*



The British believe that ...

*«If a black cat crosses your path,
you will have good luck».*

for Russian and Kazakh



for the British

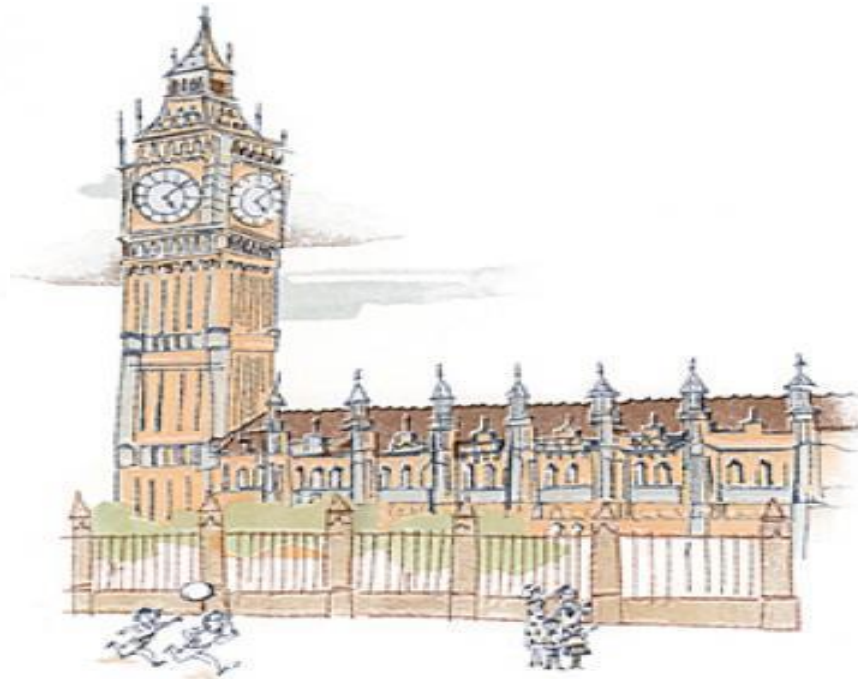
«Ladybird, fly to the sky, give me happy time».

Неизвестно, откуда появилось это суеверие, но существует версия о том, что божья коровка – посредник между Богом и человеком, поэтому, когда говорят эту присказку, через божью коровку пытаются попросить счастье у Бога.





Summing up, the British are not as conservative as many people might think. Their main characteristic is that they are talkative and very friendly. Every nation has the stereotypical positive features and negative ones.



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