



*WORLD OF*

*SUPERSTITIONS*

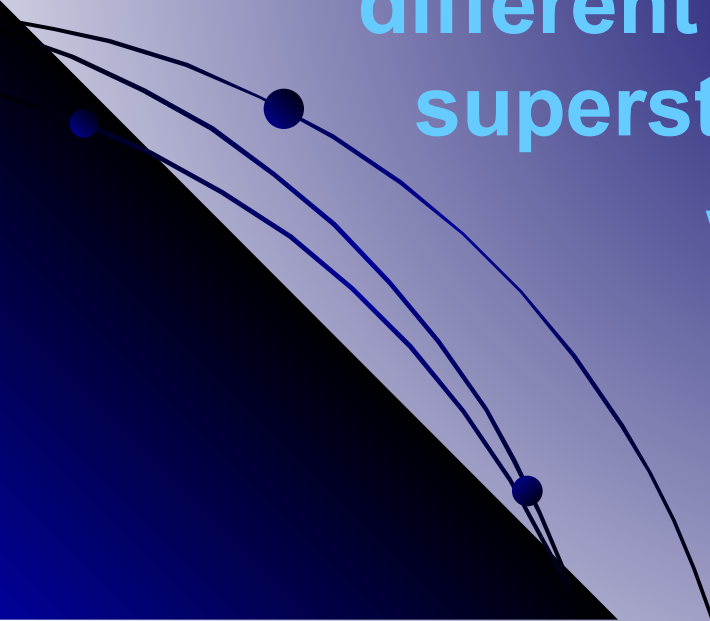
**World of superstitions is a world of mystery...Nobody knows exactly, what is it...But a great amount of people believe in it...**



***Let's get acquainted with some of them!***

# Animals and plants

Animals always played a big role in different cultures...And a lot of superstitions are connected with them...



# BEE

If a bee enters your home, it's a sign that you will soon have a visitor.

If you kill the bee, you will have bad luck, or the visitor will be unpleasant.

A swarm of bees settling on a roof is an omen that the house will burn down



# BUTTERFLY

If the first butterfly you see in the year is white, you will have good luck all year.

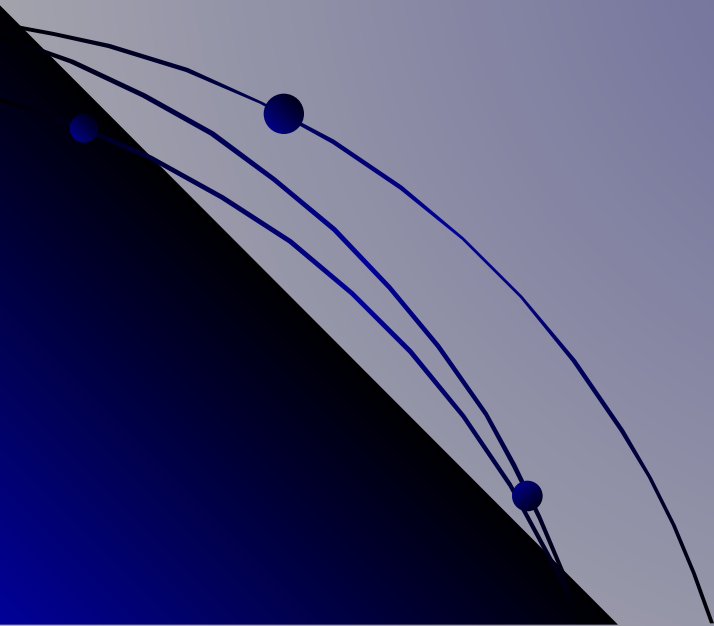
Three butterflies together mean good luck.





# CROWS

One's bad,  
Two's luck,  
Three's health,  
Four's wealth,  
Five's sickness,  
Six is death.



# FLOWERS

**CLOVER** It's good luck to find a four-leaf clover.



Clover protects human beings and animals from the spell of magicians and the wiles of fairies, and brings good luck to those who keep it in the house.



## First Flower of Spring:

The day you find the first flower of the season can be used as an omen:

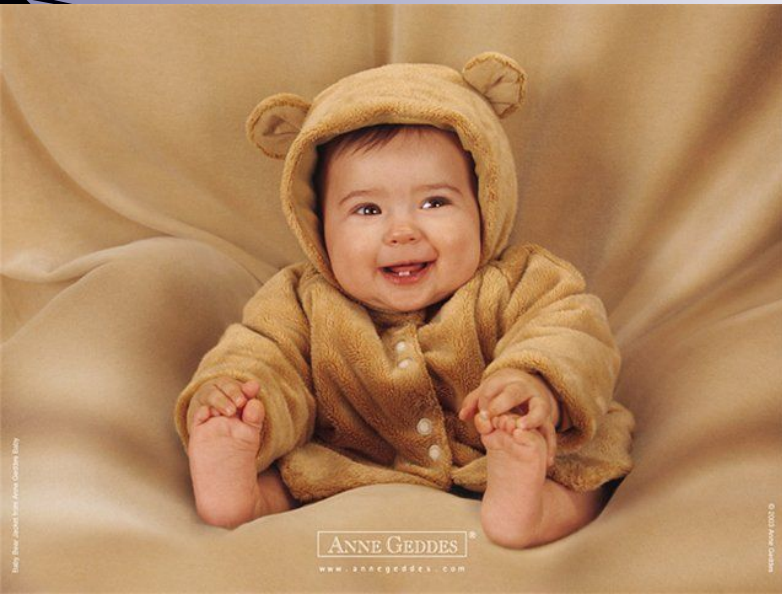
Monday means good fortune,  
Tuesday means greatest attempts will be  
successful,  
Wednesday means marriage,  
Thursday means warning of small profits,  
Friday means wealth,  
Saturday means misfortune,  
Sunday means excellent luck for weeks.



# A MAN

## BIRTH

Monday's child is fair of face;  
Tuesday's child is full of grace;  
Wednesday's child is full of woe;  
Thursday's child has far to go;  
Friday's child is loving and giving;  
Saturday's child works hard for a living.  
But the child that is born on the Sabbath  
day  
is fair and wise, good and gay.



## EARS

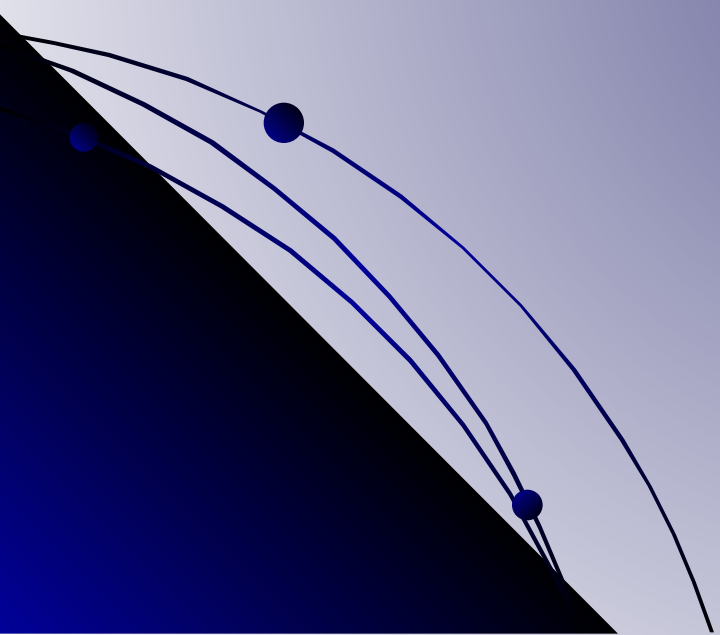
If your right ear itches, someone is speaking well of you.

If your left ear itches, someone is speaking ill of you.

Left for love and right for spite:  
Left or right, good at night.

**HAND** If the palm of your right hand itches it means you will soon be getting money.

If the palm of your left hand itches it means you will soon be paying out money.



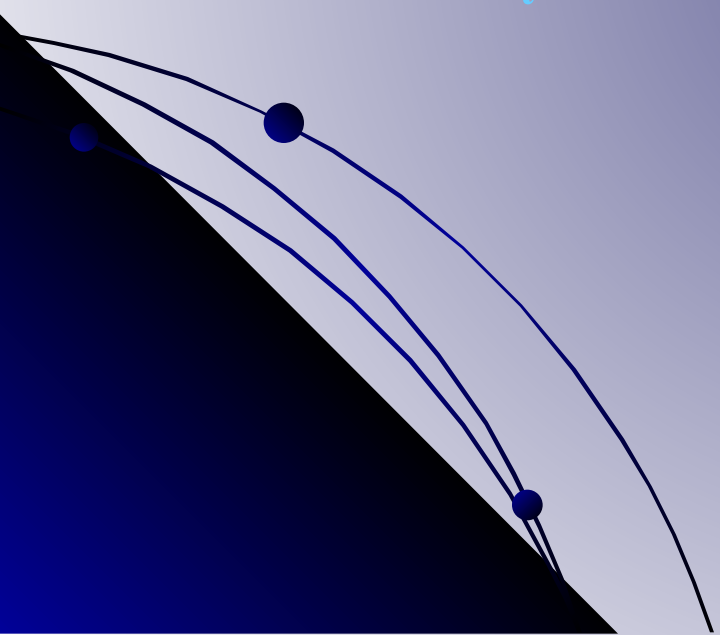
**ITCH**

**If your nose itches you will soon be kissed by a fool.**

**If your nose itches  
Your mouth is in danger.  
You'll kiss a fool,  
And meet a stranger.  
Rub an itch to wood  
It will come to good.**

**LIE**

**Cross my heart and hope to die,  
Cut my throat if I tell a lie.**



# SNEEZE

Place a hand in front of your mouth when sneezing. Your soul may escape otherwise.

The devil can enter your body when you sneeze. Having someone say, "God bless you," drives the devil away.

If you sneeze on a Monday, you sneeze for danger;

Sneeze on a Tuesday, kiss a stranger;

Sneeze on a Wednesday, sneeze for a letter;

Sneeze on a Thursday, something better;

Sneeze on a Friday, sneeze for sorrow;

Sneeze on a Saturday, see your sweetheart tomorrow.

Sneeze on a Sunday, and the devil will have domination over you all week.

One for sorrow

Two for joy

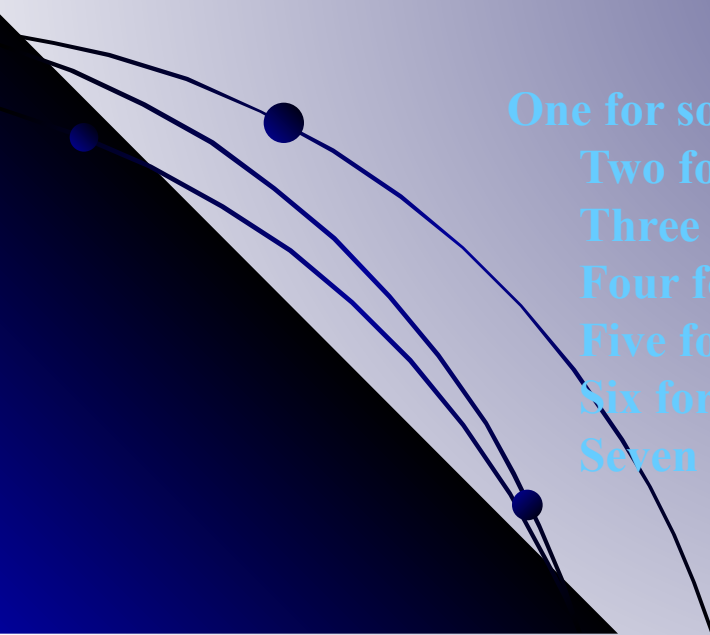
Three for a letter

Four for a boy.

Five for silver

Six for gold

Seven for a secret, never to be told



# Things around people

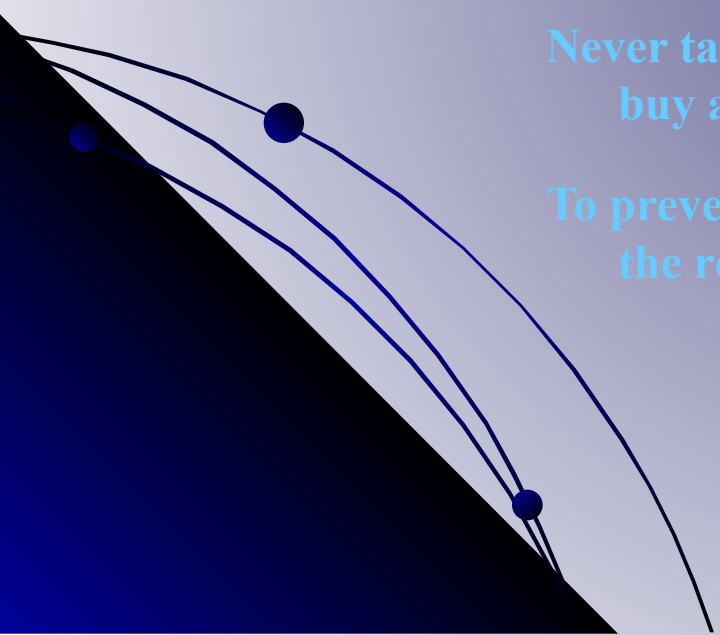
**BROOM** Do not lean a broom against a bed. The evil spirits in the broom will cast a spell on the bed.

If you sweep trash out the door after dark, it will bring a stranger to visit.

If someone is sweeping the floor and sweeps over your feet, you'll never get married.

Never take a broom along when you move. Throw it out and buy a new one.

To prevent an unwelcome guest from returning, sweep out the room they stayed in immediately after they leave.



**KNIFE** A knife as a gift from a lover means that the love will soon end.

A knife placed under the bed during childbirth will ease the pain of labor.

If a friend gives you a knife, you should give him a coin, or your friendship will soon be broken.

It will cause a quarrel if knives are crossed at the table.

It is bad luck to close a pocket knife unless you were the one who opened it.

Knife falls, gentleman calls;  
Fork falls, lady calls;  
Spoon falls, baby calls.

**KNITTING** It's bad luck to leave a project unfinished.

Don't knit a pair of socks for your boyfriend or he'll walk away from you.

If you knit one of your own hairs into a garment, it will bind the recipient to you.

Knitting for children you may have in the future, but before you are pregnant, is bad luck (it may prevent one from getting pregnant, or bring ill health to the baby).

## CLOCK

If a clock which has not been working suddenly chimes, there will be a death in the family. You will have bad luck if you do not stop the clock in the room where someone dies.



## PENCIL

If you use the same pencil to take a test that you used for studying for the test, the pencil will remember the answers.

# FOR A LUCKY BRIDE



Married in White, you have chosen right  
Married in Grey, you will go far away,  
Married in Black, you will wish yourself back,  
Married in Red, you will wish yourself dead,  
Married in Green, ashamed to be seen,  
Married in Blue, you will always be true,  
Married in Pearl, you will live in a whirl,  
Married in Yellow, ashamed of your fellow,  
Married in Brown, you will live in the town,  
Married in Pink, your spirit will sink.



# How superstitious are you?

- Would you sleep in a hotel room numbered 13?
- Would you be happy to sit for an important exam on Friday 13?
- Would it be important for you to have a 'white wedding'?
- Have you ever said, 'Touch wood'?
- Do you ever cross your fingers as a sign of good luck?
- If there were a ladder on the pavement, would you avoid walking under it?
- Do you believe that you praise someone too much, you might bring them bad luck?
- How would you feel if a black cat crossed your path just before you went in to take an important exam?

# RESULTS:

- 25 pupils said “NO”. They don’t want to sleep in thirteenth room.
- 19 pupils said they would not be happy to sit for an important exam on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>?
- All girls from the class said “YES!”
- All of pupils said “YES!”
- 2 boys said “YES”. But some pupils don’t know this superstition.
- 7 pupils from our group and 13 pupils from others said “YES! I WOULD AVOID.”
- 50% of the class said that they believed.
- “ I would be upset if a black cat crossed my path just before I went in to take an important exam” – so said 24 pupils.

# Superstitions, in which our classmates believe:

- Bad luck of black cat crossing your path (24)
- Good luck of worth five kopeck coin under the right leg on the exams (15)
- Bad luck of washing head before exam (26)
- Bad omen if the pigeon sits on window-sill and knocks the window (7)
- Unlucky number 13 (25)
- Good luck of woman with the full pails before some important events (17)
- 7 years without wedding for girl who sits at the corner of a table (22, all of girls)
- The cleaning crumbs from a table by hands will bring problems with money (16)