

# English Superstitions



There are many superstitions in Britain and even those who think they are nonsense often follow them “just in case”.

They cause British people to act in strange ways, believe in odd things and leave them with no real reasons why.



# **Good Luck**

**It is lucky to meet a black cat.  
Black cats can be seen on many  
good luck greetings cards and  
birthday cards in England.**



# **Good Luck**

**It is lucky to find a clover plant  
with four leaves.**



# Good Luck

Catch falling leaves in autumn  
and you will have good luck.  
Every leaf means a lucky month  
next year.





# Good Luck

Horseshoes over the door are generally a sign of good luck. But the horseshoe needs to be the right way up. The luck runs out of the horseshoe if it is upside down.



# Good Luck

Putting money in the pocket of new clothes brings good luck.



# Bad luck

It's unlucky to spill salt. If you do, you must take a pinch and throw it over your left shoulder.





# Bad Luck

The number 13 is very unlucky and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> is a very unlucky date. Friday is considered to be an unlucky day because Jesus was crucified on Friday.



# Bad Luck

It's extremely unlucky to walk under a ladder propped against a wall or building. But if you must pass under a ladder, you can avoid bad luck by crossing your fingers and keeping them crossed until you see a dog. Another remedy is to spit on your shoe and leave the spittle to dry. It's also unlucky to pass someone on the stairs.



# **Bad Luck**

**It's extremely unlucky to break a mirror. It means 7 years of bad luck. The superstition is supposed to have originated in ancient times, when mirrors were considered to be tools of the gods.**



# **Bad Luck**

**It's very bad luck to open an umbrella in the house – it will either bring misfortune to the person who has opened it or to those who has opened it or to those who live in the house.**



# Bad Luck



It is bad luck to see one magpie. However, it's lucky to see two magpies.

In some parts of the UK meeting two or three Ravens together is considered really bad.



# Используемые ресурсы

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