# 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

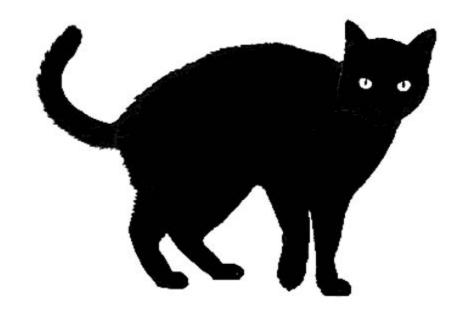
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It is lucky to meet a black cat. Black cats can be seen on many good luck greetings cards and birthday cards in England.





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





## 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.





# 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 should



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



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.



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.



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.





It is bad luck to see one magpie. However, it's lucky to see two In some parts of the UK meeting two or three Ravens together is considered really bad.



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