

<b>Description</b>	Students match halves of old English superstitions
<b>Lesson link</b>	Use this activity after exercise 1f
<b>Time</b>	15 minutes
<b>Extra material</b>	Print out and photocopy one <i>Old English superstitions</i> worksheet for each student or pair of students

## Instructions

- a Ask SS if they think seeing a black cat means good luck or bad luck. (The answer will depend on the country you're in.) Preteach the word *superstition*.
- b Hand out the *Old English superstitions* worksheet. SS match the A and B sentences. Sometimes they'll just need to guess! (These are all real superstitions, though some of them aren't well known.)
- c Check answers in class. Ask SS if they believe any of these superstitions, or if there are any similar ones that they know.

### Answers

1 d	6 j
2 f	7 i
3 b	8 a
4 g	9 h
5 c	10 e

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| 2 'I saw a white butterfly.'                   | <input type="checkbox"/> b 'That means that someone you know will have a baby boy.'    |
| 3 'I had a dream about blue clothes.'          | <input type="checkbox"/> c 'That means you'll travel soon.'                            |
| 4 'I put my shoes on the table to clean them.' | <input type="checkbox"/> d 'That means it'll rain.'                                    |
| 5 'My feet itched.'                            | <input type="checkbox"/> e 'That means you'll fail your exam today.'                   |
| 6 'My hand itched.'                            | <input type="checkbox"/> f 'You'll have good luck for a year.'                         |
| 7 'I threw a coin in a fountain.'              | <input type="checkbox"/> g 'That means you'll have bad luck for the rest of the week.' |
| 8 'I dropped a box of matches.'                | <input type="checkbox"/> h 'That means you'll soon have a visitor.'                    |
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