

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