

Read the article and fill in the blanks with words from the word pool.

touch	carry	break	drop	spill	walk
cross	open	pick	scratch	meet	put

* Good (and bad) luck with British superstitions			
Before an exam or other important event, _____ your fingers for good luck.		And never _____ an umbrella indoors. It's unlucky.	
Don't _____ your nose, or you'll have an argument with someone.		_____ a four-leaf clover and you'll have love, health, money and fame!	
To make sure that something you say with confidence won't bring you bad luck, _____ something made of wood as you say it.		If you _____ some salt, throw some of it over your shoulder to make sure you don't have bad luck.	
Don't _____ your shoes on the table, or you'll have bad luck for the rest of the day.		Expect something good to happen if you _____ a glass and it breaks.	
Try to _____ a black cat, because it's lucky. But be careful— it's unlucky if it walks in front of you!		But don't _____ a mirror, or you'll have bad luck for seven years.	
Never _____ under a ladder, or somebody will have an accident.		_____ a lucky charm with you to make sure you always have good luck!	



Listen to part of a radio programme about superstitions. Answer these questions.

1. Who believes in superstitions?	
2. Who doesn't believe in superstitions?	
3. Who isn't certain that he or she believes in superstitions?	

Listen again. Are the sentences TRUE or FALSE?

1. Becky said she had a bad experience when she saw a black cat.	
2. Becky doesn't believe in bad luck.	
3. In the past, Darren wasn't a superstitious person.	
4. Darren sometimes walks under the ladders now.	
5. Tina lost something special last year.	
6. Tina is superstitious because she is always having bad luck.	