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GRAMMAR PRACTICE – PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE.

Part 1

Complete the email with the *past simple* or *present perfect* form of the verbs in brackets.

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To : lizzie_strawberry@gmail.com From : hilda_woofwoof@hotmail.com Subject : Good Luck?! Bad Luck?!
Hi Lizzie, What's up there? Wanna know what happened to me of late? My bad luck! Last Monday, I (1) _____ (come) home from work. My umbrella (2) _____ (be) wet, so I (3) _____ (bring) it indoors. I (4) _____ (open) it indoors. The next minute my mum (5) _____ (shout) ferociously. 'Bad luck! Bad luck!' she (6) _____ (say). 'Take it away!' Well, I (7) _____ just _____ (know) that opening an umbrella indoors is unlucky. Later that evening, I (8) _____ (trip) over a soft toy in the living room and (9) _____ (fall)! Bad luck, right? It seems the British (10) _____ (practise) this superstition for ages. This morning, I (11) _____ (be) in a hurry for work. I (12) _____ (drop) a glass and it (13) _____ (break). I was almost in tears. But you know what? My dad came up to me and (14) _____ (console) me, saying, 'Darling, no worries! Expect something good to happen to you today.' Huh? Breaking a glass is considered lucky! Sure enough, when I (15) _____ (step) into the office, everyone was smiling at me. I (16) _____ (tell) myself, 'Weirdos!' Anyway, I (17) _____ (manage) to put on a smile for everyone. Then came in my big boss! Everyone clapped. What the heck are they clapping for? My big boss (18) _____ (congratulate) me and handed me a letter. Mate, it's really GOOD LUCK! I was given a promotion! Yeah, do expect something good to happen if you drop a glass and it breaks. I (19) _____ just _____ (speak) to my sister over this superstition. And you know what she (20) _____ (caution) me? 'Take it with a pinch of salt!' That's all for this mail. Bye. Hilda

Part 2

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors.
For each question, write the correct word in the space provided.

The Number 13 Is Bad Luck?!



The Chinese in Malaysia (0) were superstitious people. I have been in Malaysia since Sunday and I am having a great time (1) stays with my Chinese friend in Subang Jaya. I noted something interesting last Sunday when I (2) enter her house. The address is 13A and not 13 that I have always (3) knew of. So being very curious, I asked her why it was such. She explained that number 13 when combined is actually number 4. The Chinese are very superstitious (4) or fearful of (5) these unlucky number as it symbolises death. In order to avoid this bad luck and bad ending, (6) mine friend's father has added the letter A to the number 13. This is (7) particular interesting because we, Westerners, have avoided the number 13, too. Car number plates don't escape the prejudice either. There (8) is many other superstitions that I have learned throughout my stay with my Chinese friend.

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Part 3

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors.
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Superstitions I Remember Growing Up With



Every country has (0) their fair share of superstitions and Malaysia is no different. I have undoubtedly experienced (1) but witnessed superstitious beliefs on multiple occasions. Let's take a look at some of them. (2) Clip your nails at night is a taboo, as it is equivalent to snipping away your lifespan. (3) That strange belief is simply that the lack of light at night makes this task more difficult. Be (4) patience the next time you need to cut your nails and wait until morning. So you can (5) accurate neaten up those cuticles. Also, how many of us have fallen victims to an hour-long lecture from our mothers or grandmothers after (6) be caught shaking our legs nonchalantly? This rather casual pastime is believed to be the main culprit as (7) from why your wallets are always empty. Shaking your legs is (8) sees as shaking your wealth and prosperity away. Have you heard of – or do you believe in – any of these?

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