

1) Complete the gaps with a suitable word. Look around the gap for clues on what to use.



Where do SUPERSTITIONS come from?

It's actually very hard to know where, when and how superstitions started, but many of the superstitions in Britain connected to the idea of evil spirits, witches and the devil. Take, for example, the idea of 'touching wood'. In ancient times in Britain, many people that evil spirits lived in trees, and that they could come down into the earth. But if someone touched the tree, then the spirit not be able to come out - that's why people 'touch wood', to keep the evil spirits away.

Another 'good luck' superstition is the horseshoe. Perhaps this is because it is shaped a new moon, and a new moon always used be seen as something positive. But we don't really know!

Superstitions about black cats are more complicated. Some people believe they are luck, and others believe they are bad luck. Black cats were usually a witch's pet - and witches were definitely bad luck! , fishermen's wives sometimes used to keep a black cat at home to prevent an accident at sea, and so black cats believed to be valuable and were often stolen.

Finally, there's a British superstition that you spill salt, you should take a little of the salt and throw it over your left shoulder. This is because it thought that the Devil is always waiting behind your left shoulder, so if you throw some salt there, it will go in his eye - and that bring you good luck!

Witch

Evil!

2) Look at the following picture and write 5 conditional sentences about the superstitions behind 5 different objects.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____