

# The broken mirror, the black cat and lots of good luck

## Task 1

- Circle the correct ending for the sentences.

**1. At the beginning of the story, Nikos thought he was ...**

- a. superstitious.
- b. rational.
- c. lucky.

**2. Nikos often went to ...**

- a. horse races and football matches.
- b. lottery draws.
- c. the taverna near his house.

**3. Some of Nikos' friends thought that breaking a mirror ...**

- a. brings you bad luck.
- b. brings you good luck.
- c. is a meaningless superstition.

**4. Nikos walked under the ladder because ...**

- a. there was no other way around it.
- b. he was sure it wouldn't bring any bad luck.
- c. he hoped it would bring him good luck.

**5. Nikos' friends invited him to play cards because ...**

- a. they knew he was good at it.
- b. they expected him to lose.
- c. they wanted to cheer him up.

**6. Nikos won some money in the taverna and then used it to buy ...**

- a. lottery tickets.
- b. a book about superstitions.
- c. a gift for his friends.

**7. Nikos believed that he had got rich because ...**

- a. he was naturally a lucky person.
- b. he always made rational decisions.

c. he had broken so many superstitions.

**8. After talking to a friend, Nikos realised that ...**

- a. superstitions were the cause of all his luck.
- b. it was his self-confidence that had brought him great results.
- c. his friends mattered more to him than the superstitions.

**Task 2**

**Complete the bad luck superstitions with words from the box.**

black cat

glass

mirror

umbrella

salt

ladder

1. Breaking a .....
2. Spilling .....
3. A ..... crossing the path in front of you
4. Walking under a .....
5. Not looking someone in the eye when they raise a ..... to you
6. Putting up an ..... inside the house