VOCABULARY

1. Complete the texts with the words in the box.

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a I'm not usually superstitious, but you know how sometimes you feel like you've been 1)_____ you know, you feel like everything's going wrong? Like today, for example.

I was (2) _____ confidently down the street on my way to work. I was feeling good in a new (3)

that I was wearing for the first time. Then a car drove right through a big puddle and splashed me with dirty water from head to foot.

b Most people's superstitions (4) _____from a basic insecurity: from a need to be in control and to have the (5) _____ in difficult situations. Many (6) _____ sports people have personal (7) _____ that they have to perform before a big game. Not even politicians are (8) _____ crazy derive immune renowned rituals to superstition. One leading politician admitted to

always wearing mismatched socks on election day. He asked us not to give his name in case he (9)

as being a little(10) _____!

2. Complete the texts with the words in the box.

a. I settled down on the couch with a mug of hot chocolate and a c _ _ _ blanket

b. I felt a sudden u_ _ _ to get up and sing.

c. He was furious. He strode out of the room and s_ _ _ _ed the door behind him.

d. He reached into his pocket, took out a box of m_ _ _ _ _ _, and lit the candle.

e. He passed his driving test on his f_ _ _ _ try.

f. I'm sorry, we have a rule about d_ _ _ _ _ _ _ animals – strictly no pets allowed.

g. Her husband worked in the US Air F_ _ _ _ and was often away from home.

h. He took the corner at b_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ speed and almost fell off his bike.

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