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SUPERSTITIONS



1. **Match up as many words as you can.**

____ 1. Nervous	a) lasts forever, does not end
____ 2. Superstitious	b) worried about what might happen
____ 3. Ritual	c) a place to gamble for money
____ 4. Timeless	d) a change in direction, the opposite
____ 5. Jinx	e) an action that is repeated due to custom or belief
____ 6. Reversal	f) to cause bad luck to happen
____ 7. Casino	g) well known for
____ 8. Lucky Streak	h) to respond to an event or situation
____ 9. Notorious	i) good fortune that happens over and over in a short time
____ 10. React	**j) believing that certain things can cause good or bad luck**

2. **Complete the next text with the words from the box. Then, Answer the question in letter F.**

*Nervous * React *Superstitious *Timeless *Jinxing * Reversal *Lucky Streak *Casino * Rituals *Notoriously

Would you get married on Friday the 13th?

A. Do you avoid walking under ladders? Do black cats make you_____? Some people are very_____. They carry a lucky charm such as a rabbit's foot everywhere they go. Why is a rabbit lucky? Because it's born with its eyes open, of course!

B. Where do superstitions come from? Long ago, people didn't have the scientific knowledge we do today. To reduce their fear about unexplainable events, people came up with _____. They passed their beliefs down from generation to generation. Some superstitions are _____. Floors in buildings still go from the 12th to the 14th floor, even though nobody can agree why the number 13 is unlucky!

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C. Superstitious people think they can turn bad luck away. They "knock on wood" (or, in Britain, "touch wood") to avoid _____themselves. For example, if you say "I've never broken a limb" you should immediately search for a table to knock on to avoid a _____ of luck. You may break your leg tomorrow if you don't!

D. Many superstitions are related to money. For example, if you give money away on Mondays, you'll give money away all week long. If you leave your purse on the floor, you'll go broke. Gamblers are _____ superstitious. If you're in a _____, never get up to use the washroom. Your _____ _____ will go down the toilet!

E. Superstitions differ from culture to culture. A superstitious African mother won't cut her baby's hair before her child's first birthday! In Mexico, a bride must not wear pearls on her wedding day. Pearls symbolize tears and an unhappy marriage.

F. Are you superstitious? How would you _____if someone opened an umbrella in your living room?

3. Read again the text and answer the questions.

a. Why is a rabbit a symbol of luck?
b. Where did superstitions originate?
c. Why does the reading mention the 13th floor of a building?
d. What superstition do some people have about Mondays?
e. What must a Mexican bride NOT do on her "big day"?

4. Complete the sentences with words studied during the reading.

a. Superstitious people feel _____ when a black cat is near.
b. Knock on wood to avoid _____ yourself.
c. If you're having a lucky _____ at the casino, don't get up to use the washroom!
d. Mexican brides are _____superstitious.
e. They perform many _____on their wedding day.

5. Create a result clause to go with the "IF" clause. Follow the example.

a. If you step on a crack, ***you will break your mother's back.***
b. If you wear pearls on your wedding day,
c. If you walk under a ladder,
d. If you leave your purse on the floor,
e. If you carry a rabbit's foot everywhere,

6. Write 5 more examples of superstitions from your own culture. Follow the first conditional.

7. Select one of the countries of your most interest and look of information about its superstitions. Write 5 examples.

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