What is a Superstition? – Video 1

Vocabulary

Word	# of Vowels	# of syllables	Part of Speech	Definition	Example
superstition				an unjustified belief that many people share in supernatural forces that cause good luck or bad luck	Thinking that bad things will happen on Friday the 13th is a superstition.
superstitious				believing in superstitions	Shelly doesn't walk under ladders because she is superstitious.
unjustified				without good reason or explanation	I don`t have a good excuse for stealing from the bakery. My actions are unjustified.
rational				able to think clearly and logically (thinking based on facts)	It`s rational to read about a country before travelling there.
irrational				without reason or sense	It`s irrational to travel to a dangerous country where you don`t speak the language.
traditions				the transmission of customs to beliefs from generation to generation	All First Nations believed that their values and traditions were gifts from the Creator.
supernatural				relating to the spiritual world	The supernatural world includes spirits, ghosts, and magic. Witches have supernatural powers.
to curse				to use a supernatural power to harm someone or punish them	A witch can curse someone with her supernatural powers.
reverse				to go backwards	You can reverse or stop the curse if you know how to do magic.
to jinx *(informal)*				to create back luck by saying something good is going to happen	Bob: You are going to win the lottery! Jim: Don`t say that! You are going to jinx me!

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Part 1 - 00:00 - 1:05

1. True or False – Superstitions are rational beliefs.
2. True or False – Superstitions are based on scientific facts.
3. What are superstitions not based on?
4. If you believe in superstitions, you are _____.

Part 2 - 1:05 – 2:35

4. What is the number 13 unlucky?
5. What is different about some hotels in Canada?
6. What does TGIF mean?
7. Why is Friday seen as a bad day?
8. What happens when people are really scared on Friday the 13th?

Part 3 - 2:35 – 3:40

9. If you _____ under a _____, you will have bad luck.
10. If a _____ crosses your path, this is considered to be _____.
    Black cats were originally associated with _____ and _____
11. If you _____ a mirror, you will be _____ with _____ years of bad luck.
12. _____ an _____ indoors is considered to be very unlucky.

Part 4 - 3:40 – 4:34

13. How can you reverse the curse if you spilled salt? Why does this work?

Part 5 - 4:34 - 5:45

14. True or False – Some people believe that by saying something good will happen, you will have bad luck.
15. True or False – You can make sure that thing comes true by cutting up 2 pieces of wood.

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