

LANGUAGE

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Reading

Look at the pictures of the good luck charms in the **READING**. Which ones do you know about?

Good Luck Charms

A good luck charm is something believed to bring good luck. Through the ages, people have carried objects to bring good fortune and protect them from danger. Even those who are not superstitious will wear a good luck symbol. Here are some objects that people believe might bring good luck.



Elephant

Ganesha is the Hindu god of luck. He is recognized by his elephant head. In Chinese feng shui, the elephant is a symbol of good luck, strength, and

protection. A number of Asian cultures believe that the elephant is a cosmic creature and carries the world upon its back. The elephant has also made its way into Western cultures as a good luck charm.

Crickets

These insects are considered good luck. In China and other Asian countries, the cricket served as a warning: at any sign of danger, the cricket would stop chirping. Native Americans believed the cricket brought good luck. In ancient cultures in the Middle East and Europe, images of crickets appear on charms and amulets.

Ladybugs

The ladybug is considered an indication of good luck. If you wear a ladybug amulet, or if one lands on you, it will brighten your day and lessen your problems. If one lands on you when you are ill, it will take the illness away.



Four-Leaf Clover

In Ireland, four-leaf clovers are a symbol of good luck. As the old Irish verse says:

*One leaf is for fame,
And one leaf is for wealth,
And one is for a faithful lover,
And one is to bring you glorious health,
Are all in the four-leaf clover.*

People look for them in the grass, and they won't resist picking a four-leaf clover and carrying it with them for luck and all the good things that it might bring.



Wishbone

The wishbone, a bone from the breast of a chicken, is a symbol of good luck. It is also a wish maker. Two people tug on the wishbone, each making a wish. After the bone breaks, the person with the bigger piece will have their wish granted.

Acorns

In Scandinavian folklore, the acorn, fruit of the oak tree, will bring good fortune to the bearer. An acorn placed on a windowsill of the house will protect it from lightning.



Horseshoe

The horseshoe is supposed to bring good fortune when hung on the wall of a home or doorway. The "U" shape will hold good luck inside forever.



Rainbow

If you want to get rich, follow a rainbow, and if you're lucky, you'll find a pot full of gold at the end. At least, that's what could happen according to folk belief.

About the Reading

Complete the sentences about the text.

1. You won the lottery because of that four-leaf clover! You _____ be serious.
2. I must have recovered from my illness because a lady bug _____.
3. It must have been _____ that saved the person's house from lightning.
4. If you look for the end of the rainbow, you might find _____.
5. They're really lucky. It _____ that horseshoe they have hanging on the wall.

Vocabulary

Complete the paragraph with the following words: *ages*, *amulets*, *explain*, *superstitions*, *understand*, *wonder*.

We often _____ why people have certain _____ and carry _____ to protect them. According to historians, people didn't _____ why certain things happened, so they must have invented ways to _____ the inexplicable. Many of these beliefs have survived through the _____ from generation to generation.



"Focus on doing the right things instead of a bunch of things."

"มุ่งทำสิ่งที่ถูกต้องแทนที่จะทำหลายอย่าง" -Master Allan