

Vocabulary and Listening

Verbs of movement (2)

1 Listen and repeat the words in the box.

touch carry break drop spill walk cross open pick scratch meet put

Good (and bad) luck with British superstitions!

1 Before an exam or other important event, ... your fingers for good luck.



2 Don't ... your nose, or you'll have an argument with someone.



3 To make sure that something you say with confidence won't bring you bad luck, ... something made of wood as you say it.



4 Don't ... your shoes on the table, or you'll have bad luck for the rest of the day.



5 Try to ... a black cat, because it's lucky. But be careful – it's unlucky if it walks in front of you!



6 Never ... under a ladder, or somebody will have an accident.



7 And never ... an umbrella indoors. It's unlucky.



8 ... a four-leaf clover and you'll have love, health, money and fame!



9 If you ... some salt, throw some of it over your shoulder to make sure you don't have bad luck.



10 Expect something good to happen if you ... a glass and it breaks.



11 But don't ... a mirror, or you'll have bad luck for seven years.



12 ... a lucky charm with you to make sure you always have good luck!



2 Read the article and complete the sentences with words from exercise 1.

3 Listen and check your answers.

4 Are there any superstitions in your country? What superstitions do people have? Complete the sentences.

People say it's lucky to ...

People say it's unlucky to ...

5 Listen to part of a radio programme about superstitions. Who ...

- 1 believes in superstitions?
- 2 doesn't believe in superstitions?
- 3 isn't certain that he or she believes in superstitions?

6 Listen again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Becky said she had a bad experience when she saw a black cat
- 2 Becky doesn't believe in bad luck.
- 3 In the past, Darren wasn't a superstitious person.
- 4 Darren sometimes walks under ladders now.
- 5 Tina lost something special last year.
- 6 Tina is superstitious because she is always having bad luck.