Present Perfect and Past Simple

Choose the correct words

1. Look! I **'ve found** / **found** a four-leaf clover.
2. It **'s been** / **was** Jo's birthday last week!
3. Dan's cat **had** / **has had** four black kittens last night.
4. Oh no! Somebody **broke** / **'s broken** the mirror!
5. Jo **gave** / **'s given** me this charm yesterday.

Complete the essay by choosing the correct form of the verbs in brackets.



The History of Superstitions

How long (1) _____ people _____ (have) superstitions? Probably since the (2) _____ (begin)! For thousands of years, people (3) _____ (look) for ways to explain why certain things happen.

The evil eye

The superstition of the evil eye (4) _____ (exist) in Greece since ancient times. The ancient Greeks (5) _____ (believe) that some people could have a bad effect on others just by looking at them. Since then, Greek people (6) _____ (wear) special bracelets with a blue 'eye' on them to protect them from evil.

Cats

For centuries, people (7) _____ (think) that cats have magical powers. For this reason, the ancient Egyptians (8) _____ (keep) cats in their homes and (9) _____ (not allow) anyone to treat them badly.

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The number 13

Why (10) _____ this number _____ (become) an unlucky number? Some people say it is because there (11) _____ (be) 13 people at Christ's last meal. Friday the 13th (12) _____ (not always be) an unlucky date. People only (13) _____ (start) being superstitious about it in the 20th century, but no one really knows why.

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