The broken mirror, the black cat and lots of good luck

Task 1

- **Circle the correct ending for the sentences.**

1. At the beginning of the story, Nikos thought he was ...

a. superstitious.

b. rational.

c. lucky.

2. Nikos often went to ...

a. horse races and football matches.

b. lottery draws.

c. the taverna near his house.

3. Some of Nikos' friends thought that breaking a mirror ...

a. brings you bad luck.

b. brings you good luck.

c. is a meaningless superstition.

4. Nikos walked under the ladder because ...

a. there was no other way around it.

b. he was sure it wouldn't bring any bad luck.

c. he hoped it would bring him good luck.

5. Nikos' friends invited him to play cards because ...

a. they knew he was good at it.

b. they expected him to lose.

c. they wanted to cheer him up.

6. Nikos won some money in the taverna and then used it to buy ...

a. lottery tickets.

b. a book about superstitions.

c. a gift for his friends.

7. Nikos believed that he had got rich because ...

a. he was naturally a lucky person.

b. he always made rational decisions.

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c. he had broken so many superstitions.

8. After talking to a friend, Nikos realised that ...

a. superstitions were the cause of all his luck.

b. it was his self-confidence that had brought him great results.

c. his friends mattered more to him than the superstitions.

Task 2

Complete the bad luck superstitions with words from the box.

black cat	**glass**	**mirror**
umbrella	**salt**	**ladder**

1. Breaking a .....

2. Spilling .....

3. A ..... crossing the path in front of you

4. Walking under a .....

5. Not looking someone in the eye when they raise a ..... to you

6. Putting up an ..... inside the house

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