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1 Find the word missing from each sentence in the grid below to complete the sentences.

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SUPERSTITIONS

- Never step on a; it brings bad luck.
- Has a just landed on your hand? Lucky you!
- Oh no, a broken! This means seven years of bad luck.
- Look! A star. Make a wish, quickly!
- Why are you walking under this? Do you want to have bad luck?
- We're so lucky! We've just seen a and it's not even raining!
- Do you really believe that a four leaf brings you good luck?
- My dad says that if the first you see in the year is white, good luck will follow you all year round.

2 **RENE** Listen to five people talking about luck. Match the statements (A-E) to the speakers (1-5).

- You need more than luck to be successful.
- I can't hope that I'll be lucky forever.
- I know my luck will change for the better.
- I must always have my lucky charm with me.
- Luck doesn't play a role in our lives.

| SPEAKER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| STATEMENT | | | | | |

3 Choose the correct response.

- A: Don't get a black cat, they bring bad luck!

B: a That's a load of rubbish!
b Thanks, I'll need it!
- A: My friend and I were born on the same day, and at exactly the same time.

B: a That can't be!
b What a coincidence!
- A: I've failed my driving test again.

B: a Best of luck.
b Better luck next time.
- A: You can't get married on Friday 13th; it's bad luck!

B: a That's just an old wives' tale!
b That's not the point!
- A: I've been feeling a bit anxious lately.

B: a Is there something on your mind?
b Why don't you think more rationally?

4 Use the phrases (A-E) below to complete the dialogue.

- You don't really believe that, do you?
- There's nothing to be anxious about.
- Why, what's the matter?
- I didn't know you were so superstitious!
- But ... what's troubling you?

Amy: I can't believe how unlucky I am!

Tom: 1)

Amy: Well, it's my birthday on Friday, and I want to have a small garden party.

Tom: Good idea! 2)

Amy: There's a full moon on Saturday!

Tom: So? There'll be a nice atmosphere.

Amy: You don't understand! A full moon means trouble. The whole party will go wrong!

Tom: 3)

Amy: Yes, ask anyone and they'll tell you the same thing about the moon.

Tom: 4) Let me guess ... black cats and ladders are also a problem, right?

Amy: It's not funny! This is really worrying me.

Tom: 5) Everything will be alright.

