

EVERYDAY LIFE

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SUPERSTITIONS

READING TEXT

Top 5 superstitions that people **STILL** believe!

Superstitions are a thing of the past, right? Wrong. Last month, we shared a list of common **superstitions** with our online subscribers. We asked which of the superstitions they believed were true. They ranked each superstition on our highly **scientific** scale:

- **This is 100% true – I can prove it!**
- **There's some truth in that...**
- **Hmmm, I'm not sure...**
- **Rubbish! I don't believe that for a second!**

The results were surprising...



1. BREAKING A MIRROR

A massive 90% of our subscribers (that probably means you) believed that if you break a mirror, you'll get seven years bad luck. In the comments section, one user even believed that smashing a mirror gives you bad luck for life. That sounds a bit extreme ...

2. OPENING AN UMBRELLA INDOORS

'It's bad luck to open an umbrella indoors.' Nearly everybody believed that there was some **truth** in this statement. When we asked you to tell us 'why?' in the comments section, one helpful user wrote: 'Because it is.' Thanks for that.



3. LADDERS

'Walking under a ladder brings bad luck.' Over two-thirds of subscribers felt there was some truth in this. Whether it's good or bad, walking under a ladder just sounds like a **stupid** idea to us!

4. LUCKY BIRD POO

'It's good luck to get hit by falling bird poo.' That's what around half our subscribers believe. We liked the comments from one user though, who stressed, 'Yeah, it's good luck, but I don't stand outside waiting for it to happen.'



5. NEVER WEAR BLUE ON A THURSDAY

Here's the proof that people will believe anything. We added a fake superstition to our list, just to see how our subscribers reacted. Surprisingly, half our online users believed that 'if you wear blue on a Thursday, you'll be tired all day'. Maybe that is a superstition somewhere in the world. Or, maybe half of you are just gullible.