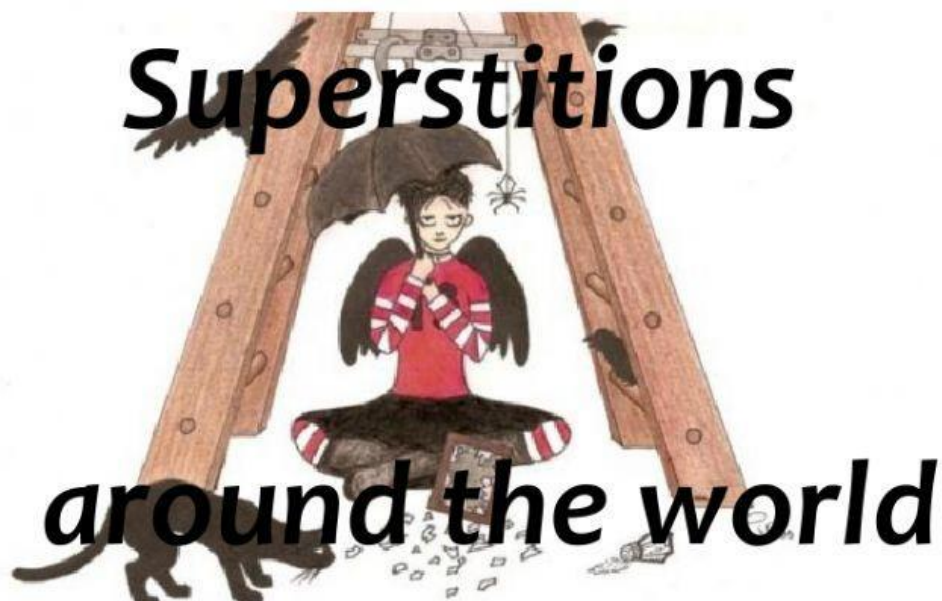




Different countries have different superstitions. For example, in Britain and Japan, if a black cat \_\_\_\_\_ in front of you, you will have good luck. But in the USA and many other countries it's the opposite: if a black cat crosses your path, it \_\_\_\_\_ bad luck. However, many superstitions are almost the same the world over. For example, if you \_\_\_\_\_, you will be unlucky for seven years, but if you touch wood, it will prevent bad luck.

There are also superstitions about numbers. If you look at the seats on some aeroplanes, you \_\_\_\_\_ the number 13. In Japan the number 4 is \_\_\_\_\_ because it is pronounced the same as the word for "death". However, dates where the numbers are the same (for example 12/12/12) are very lucky. If a Japanese couple decides to get married, they \_\_\_\_\_ have the wedding on such a date.

break a mirror   walks   won't find   will bring you   will try to   unlucky

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