

Matura bez problemu – zadania tekstowe 16

Przeczytaj tekst, z którego usunięto zdania. Wybierz takie, które w najbardziej logiczny sposób uzupełnia kontekst artykułu.

Like many human beliefs, the fear of Friday the 13th isn't exactly grounded in scientific logic. (1)

- a) Yet, many people's perception of happiness is focused on their luck in games and gambling.
- b) But the really strange thing is that most of the people who believe the day is unlucky offer no explanation at all, logical or illogical.

As with most superstitions, people fear Friday the 13th for its own sake, without any need for background information. (2)

- a) However, the superstition does have its deep, understandable roots and the origins help explain why the belief is so widespread today.
- b) Besides, the philosophy cannot be traced back to any reliable sources.

The fear of Friday the 13th stems from two separate fears - the fear of the number 13 and the fear of Fridays. (3)

- a) Historically, the names of days were associated with natural phenomena or religious events.
- b) Both have deep roots in Western culture, most notably in Christian theology.

Thirteen is significant to Christians because it is the number of people who were present at the Last Supper - Jesus and his 12 apostles. Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th member of the party to arrive. Christians have traditionally been wary of Fridays because Jesus was crucified on a Friday and that the Great Flood began on a Friday. (4)

- a) The Christian perspective on Friday and 13 is the most relevant today, but it's only one part of the Friday the 13th tradition.
- b) The day of Jesus's crucifixion was definitely the most dramatic in his followers' lives and changed their perception of the surrounding reality.

Some trace the infamy of the number 13 back to middle ages. On a Friday the 13th in 1306, King Philip of France arrested the revered Knights Templar and began torturing them, marking the occasion as a day of evil. These events gave rise to other grim interpretations. (5)

- a) As a matter of fact, the king's misfortune was yet to fall upon himself and his monarchy.
- b) Both Friday and the number 13 were once associated with capital punishment.

In Britain, for instance, Friday was the conventional day for public hangings and there were supposedly 13 steps leading up to the noose.