

# READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and answer the following questions.



## Good Luck Around the World

People all around the world believe in different signs of good and bad luck. These beliefs are often based on old stories, culture, and religion. Some people follow them carefully, while others just find them fun and interesting.

In Malaysia, many people believe that sweeping the floor at night is unlucky because it might sweep away good fortune. On the other hand, giving oranges during Chinese New Year is believed to bring happiness and wealth. The round shape and golden colour of oranges symbolize prosperity.

In Japan, people believe in lucky charms called omamori. These small charms are bought at temples for protection and success. However, the number 4 is avoided because it sounds like the word for “death”. Even in hospitals, room numbers with four are sometimes avoided.

In India, some people believe that seeing a black cat crossing your path is unlucky. But finding a coin on the road is seen as a sign of good fortune. These beliefs may sound strange. But they show how every culture has its own way of explaining luck, whether good or bad.

1. What do Malaysians believe will happen if you sweep the floor at night?

You will lose your luck.

You will make your house cleaner.

You will have a peaceful sleep.

You will get a gift.

2. What do oranges symbolize during Chinese New Year?

Health and wisdom

Friendship and respect

Happiness and wealth

Safety and peace

3. What item is avoided in Japan because it sounds like the word “death”?

The colour red

The number 4

The number 7

The colour white

4. In India, what is believed to be a sign of good luck?

A broken mirror

A black cat crossing your path

Finding a coin

Hearing thunder

