

## VOCABULARY:

**Luck \* clover plant \* horseshoe \* leaf \* tool \* magpie \* spill \* indoors**

### 1. READING: Read the text and answer the questions.

## Superstitions in Britain

Superstitions can be defined as, "irrational beliefs, especially with regard to the unknown" (Collins English Dictionary)

### Good Luck



Lucky to meet a black cat. Black Cats are on many good luck greetings cards and birthday cards in England.

Lucky to touch wood. We touch; knock on wood, to make something come true.

Lucky to find a clover plant with four leaves.



A horseshoe over the door brings good luck. But the horseshoe needs to be the right way up. The luck runs out of the horseshoe if it is upside down.

Horseshoes are generally a sign of good luck and they are on many good luck cards.

On the first day of the month it is lucky to say "white rabbits, white rabbits white rabbits," before saying your first word of the day.

Catch falling leaves in Autumn and you will have good luck. Every leaf means a lucky month next year.

Putting money in the pocket of new clothes brings good luck.

### Bad Luck

Unlucky to walk underneath a ladder.

Seven years bad luck to break a mirror. The superstition is supposed to have originated in ancient time When mirrors were considered to be tools of the gods.



Unlucky to see one magpie, lucky to see two, etc..

Unlucky to spill salt. If you do, you must throw it over your shoulder to counteract the bad luck.

Unlucky to open an umbrella indoors.

The number thirteen is unlucky. Friday the thirteenth is a very unlucky day. Friday is considered to be an unlucky day because Jesus was crucified on a Friday.

### **Questions:**

1. Which British superstitions are similar to those in our country?
2. Which are different?
3. Do you know any other superstitions in Galicia?
4. Do you believe that they can influence our lives ?

## **2. LISTENING.**

Listen to Roger, a famous tennis player, and then answer the questions.

[https://www.google.es/url?q=http://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3Dlx4HVjvaxcU&sa=U&ei=Z6uFU\\_fuHezT7Ab6l4H4Cw&ved=0CCcQtwlwAA&usg=AFQjCNGVTzEZm-vvVDwUSmQcEWR8CKDGWA](https://www.google.es/url?q=http://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3Dlx4HVjvaxcU&sa=U&ei=Z6uFU_fuHezT7Ab6l4H4Cw&ved=0CCcQtwlwAA&usg=AFQjCNGVTzEZm-vvVDwUSmQcEWR8CKDGWA)

Questions:

- 1.- What do I touch before a game?
- 2.- How many times do I touch them before a game?

- 3.- What is my lucky number?
- 4.- What does Rafa Nadal do every eight games?
- 5.- What does he touch before he serves the ball?
- 6.- Am I superstitious about colours?
- 7.- What colour do some players consider unlucky?

### 3. WRITING

Watch the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZPMe2efsDA>

Write the story describing the events, using connectors of sequence: **First**, **then**, **next** and **finally** to show the order of past events..

"I saw a film last evening. It was about a man who..."