

Superstitions from around the world

Superstitions follows us everywhere. We unapologetically cross our fingers (and toes and ... well ... whatever else we can) when we're in need of a little extra luck.

Whether it's placing trust in lucky numbers or trying to avoid bad omens, different cultures have amazing stories behind their superstition. Superstitions are things or rituals that people

believe will cause certain outcomes, usually without any basis in fact or logic. Did you Know that you should never whistle inside a house in Russia? Or leave your shoes upsidedown in Egypt? Even if you're not the superstitious type, it's sometimes better to stay safe than end up sorry. Here, then, are some of our favorite weird superstitions from around the world.

1. Dont Place Two Mirrors Opposite Each Other. The infinite reflections may look cool, but in Mexico and elsewhere facing mirrors open a doorway for the devil.





2. In many places from Turkey to India, it's very bad luck to cut your nails at night.

3. Potential dirtiness aside, superstitions in some Central and South American countries say

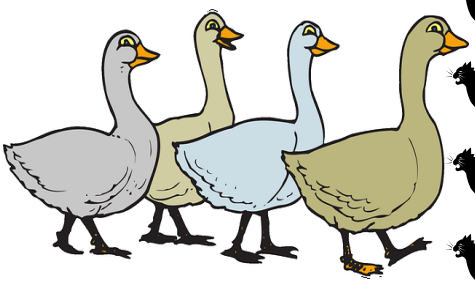


resting your purse or wallet on the ground will lead to bad financial luck.



4. In Russia, it is believed that if a bird poops on you or your property then you will get lucky with wealth.

5. In Kenya, in the Kenyan village of KaKamega, locals believe the neighborhood geese only quack at witches!





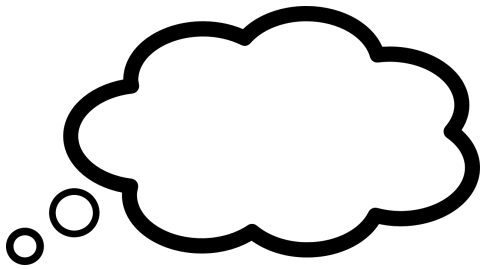
6. Your kind neighbor has brought you some food on a plate as an act of good will. Would only seem natural to wash the plate before returning it, right? Not if you're in Canada! According to the local superstition, you should return your plate dirty, as washing it will bring bad luck to the household.

There are so many superstitions around the world. You can make your own research for the ones you find strange and funny.

Now: Are you superstitious? Why or why not?

Do you believe in ghosts? Do you usually have a good or a bad luck? Do you know someone, who has really bad luck? Why do you think people still believe in superstitions? Do you know any athletes that practice some type of superstition before a game? If not, research.

Please, I would love to



hear your story. Comment and share. The more people involved, the funnier.