

Topic

**Conversation
for Intermediates**



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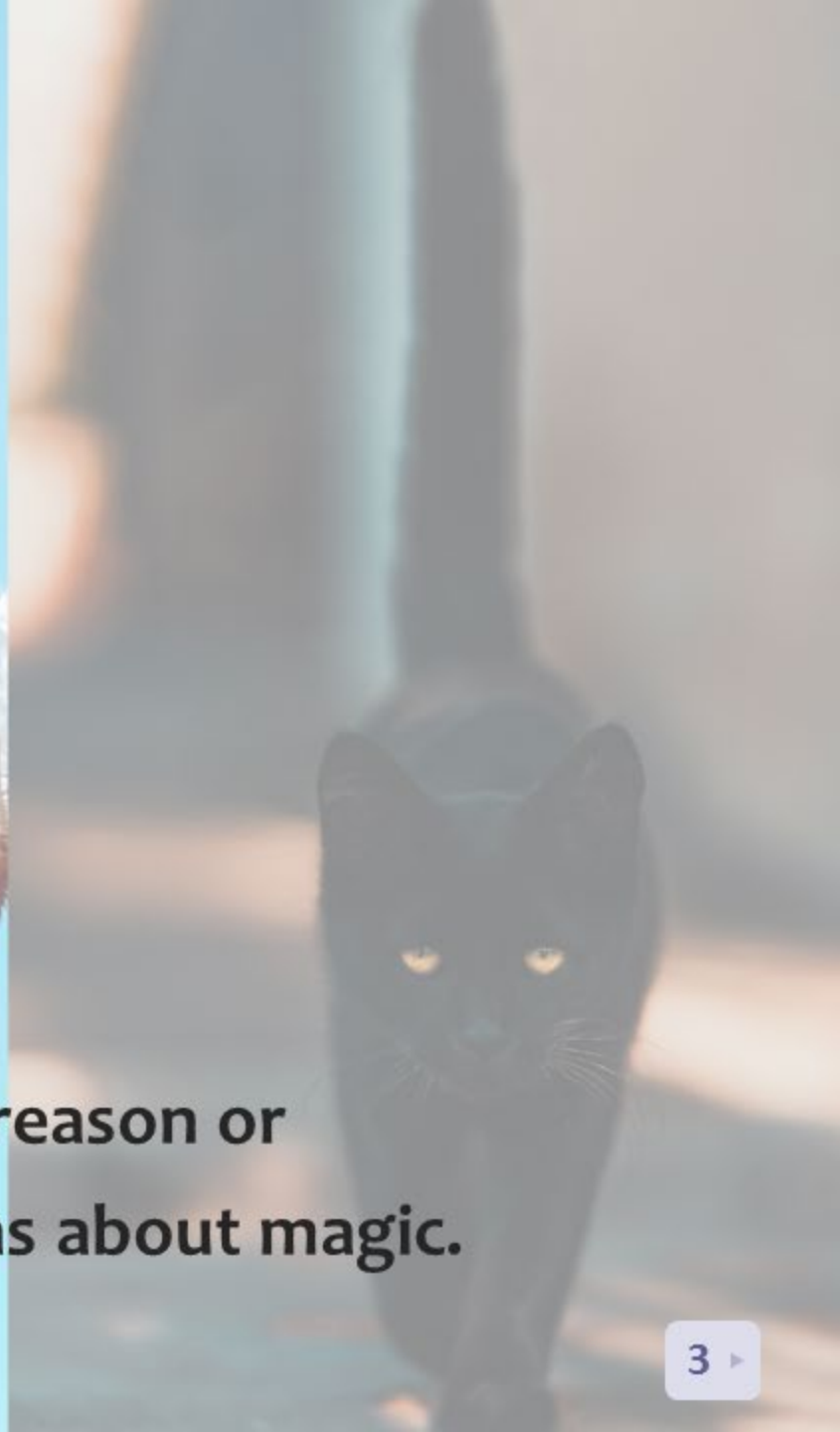
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Today's Topic

Superstitions

Superstition is a belief that is not based on human reason or scientific knowledge but is connected with old ideas about magic.



TARGET LANGUAGE

In this lesson, we will **talk about superstitions:**

- learn words/expressions/phrases related to the topic;
- make sentences related to the topic;
- answer questions and share ideas related to the topic.

Key phrases:

beyond belief
urban legend
notion
fact
lucky

Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

1. What she did was **beyond belief**.

Q1. What's the strangest thing that has ever happened to you?

Q2. How would you react if one of your friends admitted that he or she did something that is beyond belief?



I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

2. Did it really happen, or is it just an **urban legend**?

Q1. Can we consider aliens from other planets as an urban legend? Why or why not?

Q2. Why do you think some people still believe in urban legends even in these modern times?



I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

3. The traditional **notion** of marriage goes back thousands of years.

Q1. What superstitious beliefs do couples follow before the wedding in your country?

Q2. How do you think superstitions were formed in the past?



I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

4. It's a news reporter's job to separate **fact** from fiction.

Q1. Blood types can tell the personality of a person.
Is it fact or fiction? Why or why not?

Q2. Do you think that there is truth behind
superstitions? Why or why not?



I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

5. The children were **lucky** to survive the fire which destroyed their home.

Q1. What are some things that are considered lucky in your country?

Q2. What lucky event has happened in your life?



Vocabulary

Sum up and make sentences with the words.



beyond belief

used to emphasize that something is so extreme that it is difficult to believe



urban legend

a story about an unusual event or occurrence that many people believe is true but that is not true



notion

a belief or opinion or an idea or conception

fact

something that truly exists or happens



lucky

resulting from good luck



Vocabulary Check

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

beyond belief

lucky

urban legend

fact

notion

1. It's a well-known _____ that smoking can cause lung cancer.
2. You're very _____ to be alive after that accident.
3. I haven't got the faintest _____ of what you're talking about.
4. Although it sounds like an _____, this superstition has an explanation.
5. It is _____ that anyone could commit such a crime.

Review

Fill in the blanks with the given letter.

A lot of people are superstitious, whether they admit it or not. It's in our human nature to come up with something to believe in, however silly it may be.

The funny thing about superstitions is that people believe in the n¹ that there is a connection between one thing and another even when there is no sensible basis. A good example is u² which is b³. Thinking that they are true can result in great fears or unfortunate situations.

On the brighter side, they also have positive impacts on people. Bringing l⁴ charms can increase one's confidence. In some instances, following beliefs can prevent accidents from happening.

Believing in superstitions is fine because they are part of our culture. However, when it affects your life negatively, learn how to distinguish f⁵ from fiction. It will lead to a more logical mindset.

Free Talk

Think about the question and share your opinions.

Do you believe in the following superstitions?

Good Luck Superstitions

- If you step on your shadow, it brings you good luck.
- If you find a loose eyelash and make a wish, this wish will come true.
- If you blow out all the candles on your birthday cake in one blow, you will get whatever you want.

Bad Luck Superstitions

- If you open an umbrella indoors, it brings you bad luck.
- If you walk under a ladder, you will have bad luck.
- If you dream about a dog, you will have a lot of enemies.

Free Talk

Learn some superstitions around the world and share one from your country.

Famous Superstitions around the World



KOREA

Avoid red ink

Never write a living person's name in red. The color can bring death or bad luck.



England

What: _____

Belief: _____



Ireland

What: _____

Belief: _____



Ancient Greece

What: _____

Belief: _____

Your
country
(Good and
Bad luck)

What: _____

Belief: _____

Would you say you were a superstitious or scientific person? Why?