

Exercise 7

SUPERSTITIONS

Many cultures have similar superstitions. For example:

- If you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck.
- If you pull out a gray hair, ten more will grow in its place.

A. Matching

Work with a partner or in small groups. Read the first part of the superstitions and try to match them with the correct endings. If you have never heard of these superstitions, use your imagination and have fun!

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| _____ 1. | If you step on a crack, | a) | you will have to pay someone a lot of money. |
| _____ 2. | If your right eye twitches, | b) | you will soon be kissed by a fool. |
| _____ 3. | If the bottom of your foot itches, | c) | your house will burn down. |
| _____ 4. | If you blow out all the candles
on your birthday cake in one blow, | d) | there will soon be a birth in your family. |
| _____ 5. | If the palm of your left hand itches, | e) | you will never marry. |
| _____ 6. | If you are a bridesmaid three times, | f) | it will keep the doctor away. |
| _____ 7. | If a bee enters your house, | g) | your wish will come true. |
| _____ 8. | If you say goodbye to a friend on a bridge, | h) | you will know how many children you will have. |
| _____ 9. | If you see a swarm of bees on your roof, | i) | you will soon have a visitor. |
| _____ 10. | If your nose itches, | j) | you will break your mother's back. |
| _____ 11. | If you eat an apple every day, | k) | you will never see each other again. |
| _____ 12. | If you cut an apple in half and
count how many seeds are inside, | l) | you will take a trip soon. |

B. Writing

Write three superstitions from your own culture using the first conditional.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____