

LISTENING ACTIVITY by Thiago Gomes da Silva (TEAM member). Aug 29, 2018.



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Students' ages: 13-15

Students' level: Lower Intermediate

Assumptions: Students are supposed to have already studied the Simple Present.

Stage	Time	Objective(s): Ss are supposed to	Material	Description
Pre-listening activity	15min	- Activate previous knowledge.		- Teacher (T) asks students (Ss) what a superstition is and asks them to tell superstitions they know.
While-listening activity	20min	- Identify main ideas in the text.	- Speakers; - The video "Where do superstitions come from?" - Worksheet.	- Ss watch the video " Where do superstitions come from? " and answer an exercise (see the Worksheet). - T corrects the exercise by asking the answers the Ss got. - T asks the Ss' opinions about the video and if they got any extra information from the video.
Post-listening activity	10min	- Identify some famous superstitions.	- Slides ; - Projector - Computer Or - Flashcards (T can use the slides as flashcards)	- T shows some images of famous superstitions for the Ss to guess the name of the superstition and what it is about.

Worksheet



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01. Circle the superstitions that are mentioned in the video:

- ❖ Black cats
- ❖ Jinxed birds
- ❖ Counting crows
- ❖ Open an umbrella indoors
- ❖ Lighting three cigarettes with one match
- ❖ Number 13
- ❖ Number 14
- ❖ Number 17
- ❖ Number 18
- ❖ Knocking on wood
- ❖ Fingers crossed for good luck
- ❖ Whistling backstage
- ❖ Rabbit's foot
- ❖ Avoiding stepping on sidewalk cracks

02. Check (✓) the group of countries that are mentioned in the video:

- () Brazil - England – Australia () USA - France - Spain
- () China - Korea – Japan () Russia - Ireland - Italy

03. Check (✓) the correct options which contain extra information that is mentioned in the video:

() Superstitions have basis on science.	() Many superstitions are based on religion.	() Triskadeikaphobia is the fear of number 13.
() Many buildings around the world skip the 13th floor.	() Superstitions are coincidences and do not make sense.	() Superstitions are based on cultural habits and conscious belief.
() Following a superstition is easier than resisting to it.	() Superstitions seem to work.	() Superstitions are not crazy at all.