

Friday, 13th

- 1. Bad luck / to bring bad luck**
- 2. To be affected by a fear of Friday, 13th**
- 3. To be paralyzed by fear**
- 4. Misfortune**
- 5. Superstitions:**
 - Knocking on wood**
 - Walking under the ladder**
 - Opening an umbrella indoors**
 - To spit over one's left shoulder**
 - Spilling salt**
- 6. Lucky number**
- 7. Lucky charm**
- 8. Accident / to cause an accident**
- 9. Evil eye**
- 10. Omen / ominous**
- 11. Witchcraft**
- 12. Witching hour**
- 13. To contradict natural science**
- 14. Prophecy**
- 15. To foretell one's future**
- 16. To tell fortunes / to tell one's fortune by cards**
- 17. To tempt fate / to fly into the face of providence**
- 18. Supernatural**
- 19. Inexplicable**
- 20. Folk belief**
- 21. Spell / to cast a spell on smb / to be under a spell**
- 22. To be cursed**
- 23. To be protected against evil spirits / protection against evil or harm / to repel evil / to chase evil**
- 24. Talisman:**

Here is the list of the most common superstitions worldwide. Try to render them into Russian. Are they similar to Russian superstitions?

- Friday the thirteenth is an unlucky day
- A rabbit's foot brings good luck
- To find a four-leaf clover is to find good luck

- If you walk under a ladder, you will have bad luck
- If a black cat crosses your path you will have bad luck
- To break a mirror will bring you seven years bad luck
- To open an umbrella in the house is to bring bad luck
- To find a horseshoe brings good luck
- Step on a crack, break your mother's back
- You can break a bad luck spell by turning seven times in a clockwise circle
- Garlic protects from evil spirits and vampires
- An itchy palm means money will come your way
- Toads cause warts
- Crossing your fingers helps to avoid bad luck and helps a wish come true
- A bird that comes in your window brings bad luck
- To refuse a kiss under mistletoe causes bad luck
- Goldfish in the pond bring good luck
- When a dog howls, death is near
- To drop a fork means a woman will visit
- To drop a knife means a man will visit
- Evil spirits cannot harm you when you are standing in a circle

Answer the following questions:

- 1. Do you believe in good or bad luck?**
- 2. Do you really think that Friday, 13th is a day of bad luck?
What makes you think so?**
- 3. Have you ever had any bad luck on Friday, 13th? Has anything unusual ever happened to you on that day?**
- 4. Why do you think this day was chosen as unlucky?**
- 5. Why are many people so affected by the fear of Friday, 13th**

- 6. Have you ever had a flight / an important meeting etc. on that day?**
- 7. Do you consider 13 to be an unlucky number? What is your lucky number?**
- 8. Do you believe in supernatural stuff? Why or why not?**
- 9. Has anything extraordinary ever happened to you?**
- 10. Are you superstitious? What do you think of people who are superstitious?**
- 11. What are the most common superstitions in this country? What superstitions are working for you?**
- 12. Have you ever had any lucky charms or talismans? Do you believe in such things? What are the most famous lucky charms?**
- 13. Do you believe in evil eye? Have you ever faced such things as a curse?**
- 14. Why do people need superstitions?**
- 15. Do you believe that gems have certain power? Is it true that every Zodiac sign has its own birthstone?**
- 16. Have you ever visited a fortune teller? How was it? Is it possible to foretell one's future?**
- 17. Do you share the opinion that telling fortunes and relying on superstitions is sinful?**