

Inès Rachache

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Communication / English Language

### Superstitions in the Western Culture

A: Hi Jane. How was your honeymoon to the Maldives?

B: The honeymoon itself was magical. However, the trip was terrible.

A: Why? What happened?

B: The flight was, first, delayed because of the weather conditions. So, we spent the night at the airport. Then, once on the plane, we found ourselves on economy class seats despite having booked a ticket for the first class. When the plane took off, I remembered that I forgot my other suitcase at home. That was the straw that broke the camel's back.

A: Oh poor Jane. What a streak of bad luck. That's for sure due to the evil eye. You have organized an amazing wedding. All the guests didn't stop looking at both of you.

B: Really? Are you into such beliefs?

A: Of course, I'm superstitious. In addition to this, I warned you against showing your wedding dress to your husband before the D-day. That's bad luck.

B: By the way, we have planned our trip on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!

A: Oh my god! That's why! YOU ARE CURSED!

B: Don't say this! I'm knocking on wood! These were just incidents that can happen to anyone. Don't exaggerate. You are a drama-queen.

A: And you are an ignorant! I just want you to open your eyes. Last month, a black cat had crossed my path, & believe me; I have spent a catastrophic week. I didn't understand from where all those problems came from.

B: You are saying that this poor cat is the source of all your troubles?

A: Exactly. I don't take these things lightly. You should do the same. Let me tell you, hang a horseshoe on the door of your house. It will bring you good fortune and will drive out the bad vibes.

B: Phil will not accept. He doesn't believe in such things.

A: So, stop complaining. And blame yourself whenever something bad will happen to you. I have warned you.

B: Mrs. Know-it-all don't you know that we are in a leap year? So, I'm not worrying. Everything will be fine. In addition to this, we got married on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Lucky 7

A: You are right. I completely forgot about the leap year! Weren't you saying that you are not superstitious?