

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS

Advanced B2 - C1

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Topic: Superstitions and Beliefs

Play this video if you need to contextualise the topic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quOdF1CAPXs>

1. What is the term for the fear of the number thirteen?

- a. Triskaidekaphobia
- b. Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia
- c. Dodecaphobia
- d. Tetrakosioihexekontahexaphobia

2. Where does the superstition of knocking on wood originate from?

- a. Ancient Greeks
- b. Ancient Indo-Europeans
- c. Ancient Egyptians
- d. Ancient Romans

3. Why do many buildings skip the thirteenth floor?

- a. To save space
- b. Because the number is considered lucky
- c. Because of the fear associated with the number thirteen
- d. To confuse customers

4. What does the number 14 symbolize in Italian superstition?

- a. Good fortune
- b. Happiness
- c. Death
- d. Wealth

5. What psychological effect do superstitions often have on individuals?

- a. They create a sense of control over events
- b. They lead people to avoid all risks
- c. They reduce anxiety completely
- d. They have no effect at all

Answer Key:

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. c
5. a