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Le Superstizioni Italiane



Go to www.euroclub-schools.org. Enter the Italian Zone or the Mystery Zone. Click on Italian Superstitions. By reading the web page, can you answer the following questions?

1. Why is the number 17 considered unlucky in Italy?

2. Which food should not be placed upside-down on the table?

3. Name two food items that should not be spilled.

4. How do Italians wear their clothes if they want to avoid bad luck?

5. Name a commonly-worn Italian amulet.

6. Where is it the custom to throw three coins and why?

7. Write either *Porta buona fortuna*, (meaning: It brings good luck) or *Porta sfortuna*, (meaning: It brings bad luck) for the following creatures.

a. a ladybird (una coccinella)

b. a black cat (un gatto nero)

8. What happens on 10 August?

9. What do Italians say in order to wish someone 'good luck'?

What is the traditional way to reply?

10. Which days of the week are considered to be the least lucky in Italy?

11. Which item should not be placed on a bed?

12. When drinking a toast in Italy, what should the drinkers do?

13. Write an Italian saying (with the meaning in English) about rain on a wedding day.

14. Which items should not be received as a gift? If you receive one, what should you do?

15. Instead of saying 'Touch wood!', what do Italians say?

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16. Which date is considered the most unlucky by Italians?

17. What happens at New Year in Italy in order to create good luck?

18. According to the Italian superstition, if you want to get married, what should you avoid?

19. To avoid bad luck, what should you avoid doing with your cutlery?

20. Which Italian word is linked to the English word 'salary'?

21. Write an Italian proverb about Tuesdays and Fridays. Include the meaning in English.

22. Which number of dinner guests is avoided in Italy?

23. What is the Italian name of the bad luck caused by envy and jealousy?

24. Find and write the following words in Italian:

a. inside-out

b. upside-down

c. a coin

d. a toast (drink)

e. shooting star

f. the poison

25. When making a bed in Italy, are there any superstitions that should be considered?

Choose some superstitions from the web page and write your personal opinion of them.