

## Superstitions – Glossary

**affect** verb [transitive]

to change or influence something. If something affects something else, it has an effect on it

**base on (evidence)** phrasal verb [transitive]

to use particular ideas or facts to make a decision, do a calculation, or develop a theory

*The prosecution's case is based largely on evidence from ex-members of the gang.*

**beast** noun [countable]

an animal, especially a dangerous or strange one

**freak out** phrase

to become or make you become so angry, surprised, excited, or frightened that you cannot control yourself

**hilarious** adjective

extremely funny

*For some reason, she finds his jokes hilarious.*

**horseshoe** noun [countable]

a curved piece of iron fastened to the bottom of a horse's hoof

**just in case** phrase

in order to be prepared for something that may happen

*I'll make some sandwiches, just in case we get hungry later on.*

**ladder** noun [countable]

a piece of equipment for reaching high places that consists of two long pieces of wood or metal joined by smaller pieces called rungs

*A fireman climbed the ladder.*

**lean** verb [intransitive]

to stand or be set at an angle against something for support instead of being upright

**match** noun [countable]

a game in which players or teams compete against each other, especially in a sport. The usual

American word is game

*a football match*

**mate** noun [countable]

used for talking in a friendly way to someone, especially a man

*Thanks, mate.*

**metal detector** noun [countable]

a piece of equipment used especially at airports for checking whether someone is carrying something such as a weapon

**mother-in-law** noun [countable]

the mother of your husband or wife

**mystery** noun [countable]

something that you are not able to understand, explain, or get information about

**performance** noun [countable/uncountable]

the standard to which someone does something such as a job or an examination

**pick** verb [transitive]

to choose someone or something from a group

**quid** noun [countable]

a pound in money

**rational** adjective

based on sensible practical reasons rather than emotions

*There didn't seem to be any rational explanation for his actions.*

**spot** verb [transitive]

to notice someone or something

**stand** noun [countable]

a part of a sports stadium where people sit or stand to watch a match or event

**superstition** noun [countable/uncountable]

a belief that things such as magic or luck have the power to affect your life

**superstitious** adjective

believing in the power of magic or luck

*She's a very superstitious person.*

**turn back** phrasal verb [intransitive/transitive]

to return the same way that you came instead of continuing on your journey, or to make someone do this

**you can say that again** phrase

used for expressing strong agreement with what someone has said

*This is so boring!' 'You can say that again!'*