

Christmas and New Year superstitions first conditional practice

Student A

Work in pairs with one Student A worksheet and one Student B worksheet per group. Take turns choosing one of the questions on your worksheet and telling your partner the whole sentence with three options (a, b and c) - the one true option that is written there and the two false options that you have made up (before or as you speak, as your teacher says).

If you find a ring in your Christmas pudding, you will

- a) be the next person at the table to marry
- b)
- c)

If you put a piece of Christmas cake under your pillow, you will

- a)
- b) dream of your future husband.
- c)

If the first person to enter the house after midnight on New Year's Day is a dark haired man, you'll

- a) have good luck
- b)
- c)

If the first person to enter the house after midnight on New Year's Day is a red head and/or a woman, you will

- a)
- b)
- c) have bad luck

If you open the door at the strike of 12 midnight on New Year,

- a)
- b)
- c) good luck will come into the house and bad luck will leave

If a child is born on New Year's Day, the family will become

- a)
- b) rich
- c)

If you dance around a tree in the open air on New Year's Day, you will

- a) remain healthy for the rest of the year
- b)
- c)

If a girl sees a man passing her window when she first looks out on New Year's Day, she

- a)
- b) will get married before the end of the year
- c)

If you sweep the house on New Year's Day,

- a)
- b)
- c) you'll sweep the good luck out.

Do the same with other superstitions that you know or research, testing other groups and/or your teacher.

Student B

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If you count the number of days between the first snow and Xmas Day, that will tell you

- a) how many snowy days there'll be from then
- b)
- c)

If the fourth of January is rainy, that means that April (the 4th month) will

- a)
- b) be rainy too.
- c)

If you take a bath on Xmas day,

- a) you'll stay clean all year.
- b)
- c)

If the first person to enter the house after midnight on New Year is carrying some coal, this means that your family

- a) will be warm
- b)
- c)

If you cut your animals to make them bleed, they will

- a) be healthy in the New Year
- b)
- c)

If you don't pay back your bank loans before New Year, you'll

- a)
- b)
- c) be in debt all year

If you pour beer into the sea,

- a) the fishing will be better in the New Year
- b)
- c)

Dogs that howl on Xmas Eve will

- a) go crazy
- b)
- c)

If you are born on Xmas Day, you'll never

- a)
- b)
- c) meet a ghost

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