

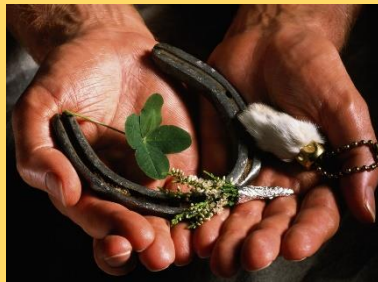


Reading Text

Directions: Read the text and discuss with your friends.

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A good luck charm is something **believed** to bring good luck. Through the ages, people have carried objects to bring good fortune and protect them from danger. Even those who are not **superstitious** will wear a good luck **symbol**. Here are some objects that people believe might bring good luck.



<https://www.thespruce.com/popular-chinese-good-luck-charms-used-in-feng-shui-1274935>

The elephant is a symbol of good luck, strength, and protection. A number of Asian **cultures** believe that the elephant is a cosmic **creature** and carries the world upon its back. The elephant has also made its way into western cultures as a good luck **charm**.

The cricket is an insect that Asian countries, **ancient** cultures in the Middle East, and Europe believe it serves as a warning: at any sign of danger, the cricket would stop chirping.



Source: New World Student Book 5

Vocabulary

- **Believe** (v.): accept that (something) is true, especially without proof (เชื่อ)
- **Fortune** (n.): chance or luck as an arbitrary force affecting human affairs (โชคกลาง)
- **Superstitious** (adj.): having or showing a belief in superstitions (เชื่อโชคลาง)
- **Symbol** (n.): a thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object representing something abstract (สัญลักษณ์)
- **Culture** (n.): the art and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively (วัฒนธรรม)
- **Cosmic** (n.): relating to the universe or cosmos, especially as distinct from the earth (เกี่ยวกับจักรวาล)
- **Creature** (n.): an animal, as distinct from a human being (สัตว์)
- **Charm** (n.): amulet (เครื่องราง)
- **Ancient** (adj.): belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence (โบราณ)



Vocabulary

- **Consider** (v.): believe to be; think (เชื่อ, คิด)
- **Illness** (n.): a disease or period of sickness affecting the body or mind (เจ็บป่วย)
- **Wealth** (adj.): an abundance of valuable possessions or money (ความมั่งคั่ง)
- **Faithful** (adj.): remaining loyal and steadfast (ซื่อสัตย์)
- **Lightning** (n.): a flash of bright light in the sky (ฟ้าแลบ)
- **Forever** (adv.): for all future time; for always (ตลอดไป)



<http://www.blog.mamasturnnow.com/2011/04/13/good-luck-charms/>



The ladybug is *considered* an indication of good luck. If you wear a ladybug amulet, or if one lands on you, it will brighten your day and lessen your problems. If one lands on you when you are ill, it will take the *illness* away.

Four-leaf clovers are symbols of good luck. The old Irish verse says one leaf is for fame, one leaf is for *wealth*, one leaf is for a *faithful* lover, and one leaf is to bring you glorious health.

The wishbone, a bone from the breast of a chicken, is a symbol of good luck. It is also a wish maker. Two people tug on the wishbone, each making a wish. After the bone breaks, the person with the bigger piece will have their wish granted.

Acorns, fruit of the oak tree, will bring good fortune to the bearer. An acorn placed on a windowsill of the house will protect it from *lightning*.

The Horseshoe is supposed to bring good fortune when hung on the wall of a home or doorway. The “U” shape will hold good luck inside *forever*.

Rainbow, people believe that if you want to get rich, follow a rainbow, and if you’re lucky, you’ll find a pot full of gold at the end. At least, that’s what could happen according to folk belief.

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