LET'S TALK ABOUT SUPERSTITION

DAILY TOPIC #99

PALLO!

질문에 대해 생각하고, 주어진 표현을 활용해 자유롭게 이야기해 보세요.

1. What is a superstition you believe in?

여러분이 믿는 미신은 무엇인가요?

KEYWORDS **bad luck (불운) | fate (운명)**

Whenever it rains, I seem to have **bad luck**, like missing my bus or spilling my coffee.

I believe it was **fate** that I found this club because I met some of my best friends here.

2. What are some common superstitions in your country?

여러분의 나라에서 흔한 미신에는 어떤 것들이 있나요?

KEYWORDS **coincidence (우연) | lucky charm (행운의 부적)**

I needed to return my friend's book, and by pure **coincidence**, I ran into them on my way home.

A common **lucky charm** is a four-leaf clover because it is rare.

3. Do you think some superstitions are logical or just made-up stories?

어떤 미신은 논리적이라고 생각하나요, 아니면 그냥 지어낸 이야기라고 생각하나요?

KEYWORDS **ward off (쫓아내다) | illogical (비논리적인)**

In Korea, people say that red beans **ward off** evil spirits and ghosts.

Superstitions are **illogical** because there is no connection between the act and bad things happening.

4. Have you ever seen a fortune teller? Did you believe them?

점을 본 적 있나요? 그 말을 믿었나요?

KEYWORDS **legend (전설) | myth (근거 없는 믿음)**

When I saw the fortune teller, they told me the **legend** of a man who had great luck because he found a four-leaf clover.

It is a **myth** that we only use a small part of our brains.

5. Have you ever had really good or bad luck that you couldn't explain?

설명할 수 없을 정도로 정말 운이 좋았거나 나빴던 경험이 있나요?

KEYWORDS **foreshadow (전조가 되다) | represent (상징하다)**

I think the rain **foreshadows** a tough day because the weather can bring people's emotions down.

A black cat **represents** bad luck because it made people think of witchcraft in Europe in the 1400s.

6. Have you ever had a bad feeling about something and been right?

뭔가 느낌이 안 좋았는데, 그게 맞았던 적 있나요?

KEYWORDS **gut feeling (직감) | influence (영향을 주다)**

I had a **gut feeling** that the restaurant would be bad, and I was right because someone got sick from the food the next day.

We may not believe in superstitions, but they can **influence** our lives because people talk about them.

IMPROVEMENT Tongue twisters - TH, F vs. V, R vs. L

Warm-up		Challenge
th	Three thinkers thought Thursday was unlucky.	Three very fearful villagers from a little rural village thought Thursday was a terribly unlucky day. They believed that thirteen black cats would bring them bad luck if they crossed their path. So Larry lit four little lucky candles while Rita read a frightening story aloud. "If three spirits visit before midnight, we'll have to leave before they gather!" The villagers laughed, but still felt nervous, for they believed every sign. Three times they whispered, "Friday is frightening," then ran from the village at half past nine!
th	Three thieves thought three things were unlucky.	
f / v	Five fearful friends feel very nervous on Fridays.	
f / v	Very fearful villagers avoid five unlucky Fridays.	
r / l	Really lucky Rita believes in lucky rituals.	
r / l	Larry's lucky rabbit rarely runs away.	

JOURNAL TOPIC

VOCABULARY REVIEW

멤버들과 영어로 대화하며 지난주 단어의 뜻을 복습하고, 한 표현씩 예문을 발표해보세요.

save up	impulse buy	refund	knockoff

TOPIC The Grass Is Greener

FOLLOW-UP QUESTION **Have you ever thought someone else's life was better than yours?**
다른 사람의 삶이 자신의 삶보다 더 좋다고 생각해 본 적이 있나요?

I had always dreamed of living abroad and running a small guesthouse where I could eat with travelers from around the world, play guitar in beautiful places, and enjoy amazing scenery. Eventually, I **made that dream a reality** and started running a guesthouse in France. After several years, however, I realized something unexpected. I would meet new people and have a great time together, but after a few days, we would **part ways**. I was always meeting new people, yet I sometimes felt lonely. The beautiful beach and the long talks with travelers, which once felt like a dream, had become normal to me. I still love my lifestyle. I just don't see the scenery around me as special anymore. This experience made me realize that we often compare ourselves to other people without seeing **the whole picture**. We **focus on** the most exciting parts of their lives and only notice the **ordinary** parts of our own. We can even **take our own lives for granted** because we are so used to them. Now, I try not to compare my life with other people's too much. When I think, "I wish I could live like that," I remind myself that I might only be seeing the best parts of their lives. After all, the grass is always greener on the other side. Maybe other people's lives aren't actually better. Maybe we just notice their green grass more because it isn't ours.

AFTER READING

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS Using context clues, match vocabulary and expressions to their meanings.

part ways•	•현실로 만들다	focus on•	•당연하게 여기다
make ~ a reality•	•평범한	take for granted•	•전체 상황
ordinary•	•헤어지다	the whole picture•	•~에 집중하다

READING CHECK Using the above text and vocabulary, answer the following questions.

1. Why did the writer sometimes feel lonely even though they were always meeting new people?
2. Why did the beautiful beach and meeting travelers become less special to the writer?
3. Using one of the phrases and vocabulary words, make a question. Next, ask this question to a partner.

ACTIVITY Superstition Debate

1. Members will split into two teams.
멤버들은 두 팀으로 나뉩니다.

2. They will choose one of the topics below, and each team will argue for its side.
아래 주제 중 하나를 선택하고, 각 팀은 자신의 입장에서 토론합니다.

3. Each team speaks for 2 minutes, one after the other. After both teams have spoken, they switch sides.
한 팀씩 돌아가며 2분 동안 자기 입장을 말합니다.
두 팀 모두 말하고 나면 서로 입장을 바꿉니다.

- **Success comes from luck vs. success comes from hard work**
- **Superstitions are harmless fun vs. superstitions are harmful**
- **Knowing your future vs. not knowing your future**
- **Following superstitions vs. ignoring superstitions**

USEFUL VOCABULARY

wealth: Some people believe a lucky charm can bring them wealth.

accident: My grandma says that if you break a mirror, an accident will happen.

generational: Many superstitions are generational and passed down from our grandparents.

consequence: People avoid walking under ladders because they fear the consequences.