

THE NUMBER 13

1. FILL IN THE GAPS.

ACCIDENTS, AIRLINES, AVOIDED, BRITS, CONSIDER, DISAGREEMENT, GOVERNMENT, LADDER, EMBERS, OCCUPIED, OMITTED, OPERATED, PARTICULARLY, PERCENTAGE, PREPARE, PRESIDENT, PROVE, SUPERSTITIOUS, UNLESS, VOYAGE

_____ the number 13 seems to be unlucky for some people. In Britain the _____ of such people is quite high – as many as 41% of _____ believe that number 13 is connected with bad luck. Therefore this so called unlucky number is _____ in many places. That leads to the cases that in some hotels and _____ the thirteenth floor or seat is _____. In hospitals, many people refuse to be _____ on Friday the thirteenth. In the past many _____ sailors refused to sail on that day. The British _____ then decided to _____ that they were wrong. They started building a ship, called Friday on the Friday 13th. However on its first _____, the ship and its crew disappeared and were never seen again. Another two examples are Robert Renphery who had four _____ on Friday 13th and prefers staying in bed on such a day and the American _____ Franklin Roosevelt who never travelled on Friday 13th, _____ he had no choice. In Savoy hotel in London the waiters _____ an extra place at the table when there are only thirteen people in one group. That place is then _____ by Kaspar, a wooden cat. In Philadelphia, however, the _____ of the Friday 13th Club refuse to _____ number 13 to be unlucky. They do a lot of things to show their _____. For example they break mirrors, walk under the _____, open umbrellas indoors etc.

2. READ THE TEXT AGAIN AND MATCH ENGLISH WORDS WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS AND TRANSLATE THEM INTO SLOVENE.

Slovene	English
	occupy
	ladder
	omit
	choice
	percentage
	wooden
	disagreement
	superstitious
	refuse

Definitions
the right or chance to choose
a situation in which people have a different opinion about sth and often also argue
a piece of equipment that is used for climbing up sth.
to fill a space or period of time
to leave sth out
a part or share of a whole
to say or show that you do not want to do, give, or accept sth
having a belief that cannot be explained by reason or science
made of wood

3. FORM WH QUESTIONS.

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| a. <u>Fear of the number 13</u> is <u>unusual</u> . | g. He has walked <u>through glass door</u> . |
| b. In hotels, <u>rooms and floor numbers</u> go from <u>12 to 14</u> . | h. <u>In 1791</u> the <u>British government</u> decided to <u>prove such superstition is nonsense</u> . |
| c. <u>41% of British people</u> are <u>superstitious</u> . | i. <u>The ship that was called Friday</u> <u>disappeared</u> . |
| d. <u>Robert</u> had <u>four accidents</u> <u>on Friday 13th</u> . | j. <u>In Savoy</u> , <u>13 guests at a table</u> mean <u>unlucky number</u> . |
| e. He has <u>fallen into a river</u> . | k. <u>The extra place</u> is occupied by <u>a wooden cat</u> . |
| f. He has been injured by <u>a motorbike</u> . | |

l. Its name is Kaspar.

m. The most popular lucky number is 7.