

## 1. FILL IN THE GAPS.

# THE NUMBER 13

**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 13<sup>th</sup>. However on its first \_\_\_\_\_, the ship and its crew disappeared and were never seen again. Another two examples are Robert Renphrey who had four \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and prefers staying in bed on such a day and the American \_\_\_\_\_ Franklin Roosevelt who never travelled on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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
	<b>occupy</b>
	<b>ladder</b>
	<b>omit</b>
	<b>choice</b>
	<b>percentage</b>
	<b>wooden</b>
	<b>disagreement</b>
	<b>superstitious</b>
	<b>refuse</b>

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.

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

- I. Its name is Kaspar.
- m. The most popular lucky number is 7.