

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 FIND ENGLISH WORDS FOR THESE DEFINITIONS AND TRANSLATE THEM INTO SLOVENE.

Slovene	English	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> . | h. <u>In 1791 the British government</u> decided to <u>prove such superstition is nonsense</u> . |
| b. In hotels, <u>rooms and floor numbers</u> go from <u>12 to 14</u> . | i. <u>The ship that was called Friday</u> <u>disappeared</u> . |
| c. <u>41% of British people</u> are <u>superstitious</u> . | j. <u>In Savoy, 13 guests at a table</u> mean <u>unlucky number</u> . |
| d. <u>Robert</u> had <u>four accidents</u> <u>on Friday 13th</u> . | k. <u>The extra place</u> is occupied by <u>a wooden cat</u> . |
| e. He has <u>fallen into a river</u> . | l. Its name is <u>Kaspar</u> . |
| f. He has been injured by <u>a motorbike</u> . | m. The most popular lucky number is <u>7</u> . |
| g. He has walked <u>through glass door</u> . | |

