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# ARE BLACK CATS BAD LUCK?

**Has anyone ever told you that a black cat walking in front of you causes bad luck?**

Some people believe this. It is a **superstition**.

Some people believe that a black cat crossing their path is **good luck**.

What you believe might depend upon where you live. People in Britain and Japan think black cats are good luck. In Germany, some believe that black cats crossing a person's path from right to left, is bad luck. But if the cat walks from left to right, they believe it brings good luck.

**SUPERSTITION:** A belief that certain things or actions have the power to bring about good or bad luck.

## Copy Cats

Each black cat below has an exact twin except one. Can you find the unique black cat? Good luck!

**How many mice can you find on this page?**

**Replace the missing words.**

PESTS FARMERS DEATH  
ROCK DREAMS MICE

In early Egyptian times, dating back as far as 3000 B.C., cats were adored like \_\_\_\_\_ stars of today.

Rats and \_\_\_\_\_ would eat the crops of Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_.

Wild cats would keep these \_\_\_\_\_ in check, so cats were welcomed and befriended by grateful farmers. It was thought that if you saw a cat in your \_\_\_\_\_, there would be a good harvest.

To kill a cat was a crime, punishable by \_\_\_\_\_!

**Count by 3s to connect the dots.**

Help this unlucky mouse escape the black cat by finding your way to the finish in under 60 seconds! GO!

**STOP!**

**Standards Link:** Find similarities and differences in common objects.

**Extra! Extra!**

### Awesome Adjectives

Look through the newspaper for an adjective that describes each of these Halloween nouns:

CAT  
PUMPKIN  
SPIDER  
MONSTER  
CANDY  
CASTLE  
MOON

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the jack-o'-lantern face that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.

**Standards Link:** Complete patterns.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

PUNISHABLE  
HALLOWEEN  
PUMPKIN  
BELIEF  
BLACK  
EGYPT  
CRIME  
SENSE  
WALKS  
POWER  
LUCK  
PATH  
ROCK  
LIVE  
CAT

E L B A H S I N U P  
B L H T A P O W E R  
A C K N L S E N S E  
C A T I L F I C E T  
W R A K O E T V P K  
A S I P W I I Y C C  
L A R M E L G A E U  
K S U U E E L P E L  
S R S P N B K C O R

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

### Halloween News

Rewrite a fictional Halloween story as a news article. Be sure to start your article identifying the **who, what, when** and **where**. Write a headline for your article.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

**What kind of a key opens a haunted house?**

ANSWER: A SPOOKEY!

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