Superstitions vs Phobias

People & Society

Introduction: **Ask and answer the following sets of questions as a group.**

1. What is a phobia?
2. Do you have any phobias?
3. What phobias can you name?
4. Do you know of any crazy phobias?

i. What is a superstition?
ii. Are you a superstitious person?
iii. What superstitions can you name?
iv. Do you know of any crazy superstitions?

Speaking II: **Decide whether each picture refers to a superstition or a phobia.**



Vocabulary Focus: **Connect the words to the definitions on the right. Key words are underlined.**

uneasy	make a quick, nervous movement in fear
flinch	a frightening or unpleasant dream
dread	make someone feel nervous, scared and/or uncomfortable
give sbd. the creeps	causing or feeling anxiety, discomfort, and trouble
shudder	tremble suddenly and quickly in fear or disgust
panic	feel sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety
nightmare	hide or shelter yourself from a threat
cower away from	feel great fear for something in the future

Speaking: **Ask and answer the questions as a group.**

1. What situations can make you feel uneasy?
2. What never fails to make you flinch?
3. What situations do you tend to dread?
4. Can you recall a story that gave you the creeps?
5. Can you recall a film that made you shudder?
6. How do you avoid panicking when you get scared?
7. Has a film ever given you nightmares?
8. What animals would you always cower away from?

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