

Today's Dialogue

(Ronan in Brazil, Alyssa in Siberia)

Alyssa: Hey Ronan, it's been a while!



Ronan: Yeah! How are you doing?

Alyssa: I'm good but it's freezing here in Siberia. How's the weather in Brazil?

Ronan: It's roasting hot and humid.

Alyssa: Oh yeah, doesn't it rain buckets there?

Ronan: Yep, it's going to be pouring tomorrow. Does it rain in Siberia?

Alyssa: Not much. But yesterday it was sprinkling a little. I wish it was warmer here! It's usually so chilly!

Ronan: Well, it's sizzling hot here! Come visit me soon!



カルチャット

Ronan: Hey guys, I broke a mirror today.

Alyssa: Oh no, that's seven years of bad luck.

Baba: What? Really?

Ronan: In America, some people think that if you break a mirror, you will have bad luck for seven years.

Alyssa: Yes, there are many superstitions in America.

Baba: Oh I see. Superstitions in Japanese are called 迷信.

Alyssa: What superstitions do you have in Japan?

Baba: People say, "if you whistle at night, a snake might come out."

Ronan: Oh, that's interesting. Do you believe in any superstitions, Alyssa?

Alyssa: Hm, not really but I think they are fun to think about. They say if you find a penny with the head side up, you will have good luck.

Ronan: If the penny is tails up, it is supposed to be bad luck but I pick them up anyway.

Baba: Are there more superstitions for good luck?

Alyssa: Yes, for good luck, people sometimes knock on wood. People thought that there were spirits inside trees, so knocking on wood was like getting help from the spirit. People also think that blowing out all the candles on a birthday cake in one go means your wish come true.

Baba: So interesting!

Ronan: To our listeners, let us know if there are superstitions you want to share!

Good luck



Head side

Bad luck



Tail side



日本にもいろんな迷信がありますが、アメリカにも

・鏡を割ると、7年悪いことが起きる

・表の1セントコインを見つけるといいことが起き、裏の1セントコインを見つけると悪いことが起きる

・木（木の製品）をノックすると木の精霊に助けられる

・バースデーケーキのろうそくを一気に吹き消すと願いが叶う

など、いろんな迷信があるそうです。面白いですね♪