



Children From
Around the
World

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Words For Sneezing

We don't all say the same words when we hear someone sneezing. Here are some sneeze sayings from around the world.

Make a Wish

Mexican people make a wish for someone who sneezes. The wish they make depends on how many sneezes there are.

- 1 SALUD! "Health!"
- 2 DINERO! "Money!"
- 3 AMOR! "Love!"

Three Sneezes

If somebody sneezes three times, Dutch people say: "Morgen mooi weer!" It means: "The weather will be nice tomorrow." The three sneezes are supposed to be a sign of sunshine to come.



Someone's Talking About You

If you sneeze once in Japan it's a sign that somebody is saying something nice about you. If to sneeze twice, it's a sign that somebody is saying something bad about you.



Be Patient

If somebody hears you sneeze in Iran they might say: "Sabr umad!" (sabber oom-ad). It means, "Patience has arrived." The person who has sneezed must now be patient and wait a minute or two before they do anything.



GESUNDEIT!

(ges-oon-hite)

"Health!" in German



THUTHUKA!
(to-koo-kah)
“Grow!” in Zulu (spoken in
southern Africa)



NDO!
(en-do)
“Sorry!” in Igbo
(spoken in Nigeria)



A TES SOUHAITS
(a-tay-sway)
“May your dreams come
true” in French



PROSIT!

(prah-zit)

“Bless you” in Danish



DEUS TE ABAFE!

(day-oos chee ab-ar-fee)

“May God put a blanket over you” in Portuguese

My Tooth Came Out!

What To Do Next

When a wobbly tooth comes out, what should you do? Children do different things around the world.



Throw on the Roof

(If you are in Greece you should throw your tooth up on a roof and ask a magical little mouse for a new one. You'll need to make a wish: "Little mouse, take my tooth. Give me a strong new one instead.")



If you are in Zimbabwe or Malawi, you should put your tooth up on the roof, too, because if you throw it away a new one might not grow.



In Sri Lanka, throw your tooth on the roof and ask a squirrel to bring you a new one.



Throw it to the Sun
In Middle Eastern countries, throw your tooth at the Sun and ask it to give you back a bright new tooth.



Leave it for the Fairy
The tooth fairy visits lots of countries. If you are in North America, the United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand, put your tooth under your pillow. The tooth fairy will take it and leave you some money.



Leave it for a Rabbit
In El Salvador, pop your tooth under the pillow. A rabbit will come for it and leave you money.



Leave it to the Mouse
In Spain, France, Italy and countries in South America, put your tooth under your pillow. A little mouse will come for it and leave you money. The tooth mouse has different names around the world. In Spain, Ratoncito Perez will look after your tooth and in France, La Petite Souris will do it.



Make Some Jewellery
In Costa Rica, mothers sometimes make their children's teeth into little jewellery charms to hang on a necklace or a bracelet.

HOORRAY! It's Kid's Day!

Celebrations for Children

Some days of the year are set aside especially for children.

A Day When Kids Rule

April 23rd is Children's Day in Turkey. It's called Cocu Bayrami (show-jook bay-rah-me). Children get to sit in Turkey's parliament alongside the adults, and pretend to rule for the day. Across Turkey children dress up in national costume and take part in celebrations.





A Day For Fishy Friends

May 5th is Children's Day in Japan. It's called Kodomo no Hi (koe-doe-moe no hee). On Children's Day families put a pole outside their home decorated with streamers that look like carp fish. Carp fish are said to be strong and brave, and will bring good luck to the children of the family.



A Day For Fun

June 1st is Children's Day in China. Everyone gets the day off school, and it's a time for fun and treats. Nobody gets any homework on that day.



A Day For Brothers and Sisters

In India, Mauritius and Napoli, there's an important festival for brothers and sisters, called Raksha Bandhan (rack-sha band-an). It's a day for brothers and sisters to show how much they love each other, and they hold a special ceremony together. It takes place in August on a different date each year, for people who follow the Hindu religion.

First the sister ties a thread bracelet called a rakhi (rah-kee) on her brother's wrist. She says a prayer to wish him a long life. Then she marks his forehead with a red mark called a tilah (tih-luhh).

Now, it's the brother's turn. He promises he will always help and protect his sister, come what may, and he gives her a gift. His sister gives him some delicious sweets to eat in return.

A Day For Dolls

March 3rd is the Doll Festival in Japan. It's called Hina Matsuri (hee-na mat soor-ee), and it's a day especially for daughters.

Family dolls representing Japanese rulers of the past are put out on display, to bring daughters good luck. The smartly dressed dolls sit on a tall red stand, with the Emperor and Empress of the dolls on the top.



Good Luck, Everybody!

Being Lucky or Unlucky

What do you think is lucky or unlucky? Do you recognise some of these beliefs from different countries?



Brazil

For good luck in Brazil, leave a pot of salt in the corner of a room.

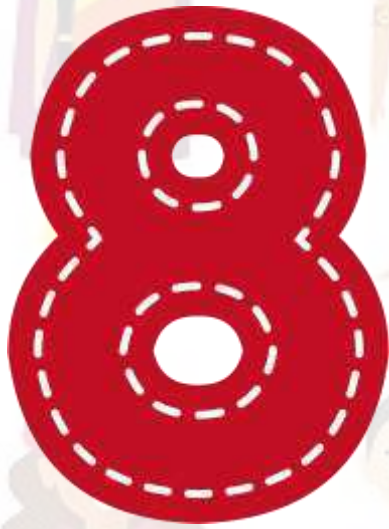
India

If your eye twitches it could be good luck in India. If you're a boy, a twitching right eye is good luck. If you're a girl, a twitching left eye is good luck.

Japan

In Japan, if you see a spider in the morning, it means you'll have good luck. If you see it in the afternoon, you'll have bad luck.





China

Eight is a lucky number in China. When the Olympic Games were held there in 2008, the Games began on the eighth day of the eighth month, at eight minutes past eight in the evening, to bring good luck.



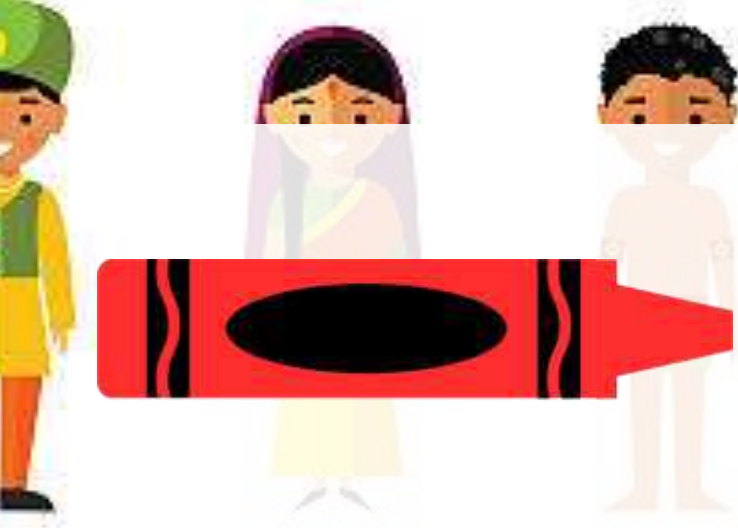
Russia

If a bird poops on you, your home, or your car, it means you'll have good luck in Russia.



USA

Sometimes people in the southern US eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.



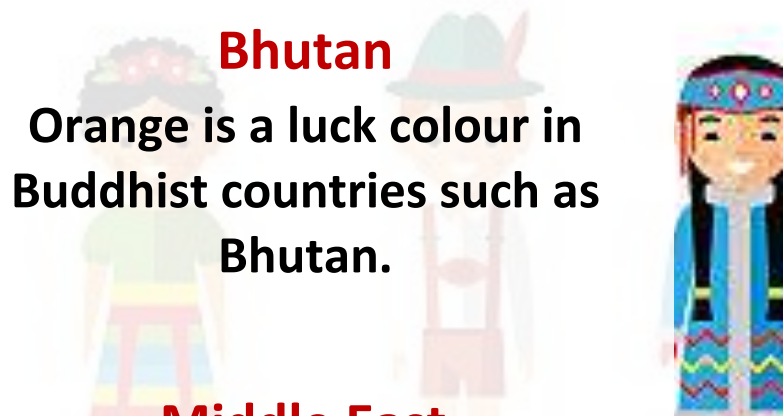
Asia

Red is the colour of good luck in Asian countries.



Bhutan

Orange is a luck colour in Buddhist countries such as Bhutan.



Middle East

Green is the colour of good luck in the Middle East.



Lucky New Year



Denmark

People in Denmark like to jump off chairs, pretending they are jumping into the New Year.



Spain

Spanish people eat 12 grapes for good luck as the clock strikes twelve on New Year's Eve.



Brazil

People in Brazil wear yellow underwear on New Year's Eve for good luck, while Italians like to wear lucky red underwear.

That's Unlucky!



Thailand

In Thailand, it's unlucky to whistle in the dark, in case you wake up bad spirits.



China

The number four is unlucky in China, so high-rise buildings don't have a fourth floor. The floor numbers go straight from three to five.



Hawaii

In Hawaii, it's unlucky to take a banana onboard a boat. It would bring bad luck on your trip.



United Kingdom

The number 13 is unlucky in the United Kingdom. If anybody books a table for 13 people at the Savoy Hotel in London, a cat statue called Kaspar is sat at their table to make the number of guests up to 14.

India

In India, it's unlucky to cut your nails or hair on a Saturday, in case you upset the Hindu god, Shami.



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