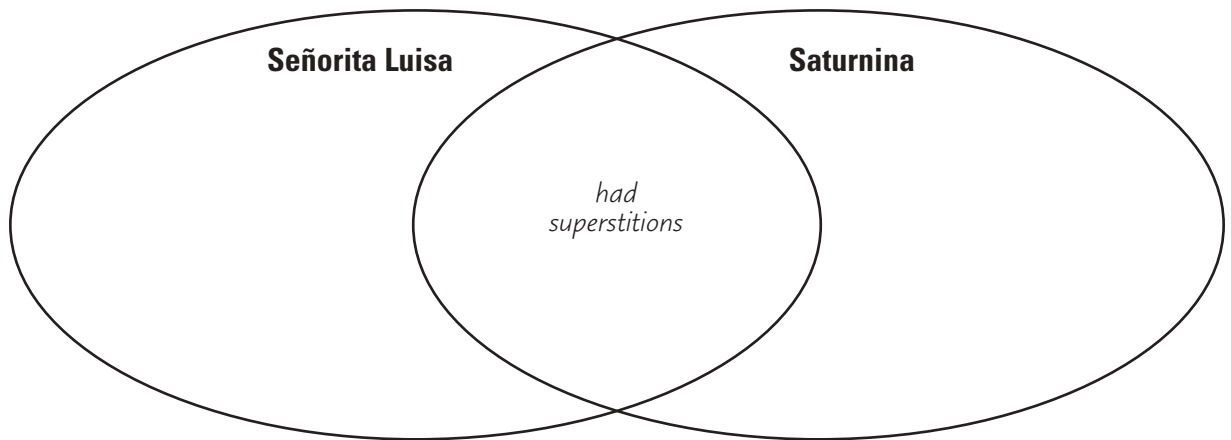


## Two worlds

Details

**A** How are Señorita Luisa and Saturnina similar? How are they different?  
Complete the diagram with phrases from the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> believed in roots and herbs  | <input type="checkbox"/> read fortunes with wax                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> believed in saints           | <input type="checkbox"/> read Gabriella's fortune                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> had superstitions | <input type="checkbox"/> stayed with Gabriella until she fell asleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> was Gabriella's neighbor     | <input type="checkbox"/> worked as a maid                            |



Main ideas

**B** Mark each statement true (T) or false (F).

- T   1. Gabriella's mother saw the world differently from Señorita Luisa and Saturnina.  
     2. Gabriella spent her evenings with Señorita Luisa.  
     3. Gabriella preferred her mother's world to Señorita Luisa's world.  
     4. Gabriella's mother knew that Señorita Luisa told Gabriella's fortune.  
     5. Gabriella's mother and Señorita Luisa rarely spoke to each other.  
     6. Gabriella's mother was not superstitious.

Context clues

**C** Match each word or phrase with the correct example.

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| <u>  d  </u> 1. "little future" (par. 3)     | a. hot chocolate and a cake  |
| <u>    </u> 2. "big future" (par. 3)         | b. pouring hot wax into cold water                                 |
| <u>    </u> 3. a snack (par. 2)              | c. the <i>almas</i>  |
| <u>    </u> 4. reading a fortune (par. 4)    | d. This week you will tell a lie.                                  |
| <u>    </u> 5. ghosts (par. 4)               | e. tying a black ribbon to the window and leaving a piece of bread |
| <u>    </u> 6. sending ghosts away (par. 4)  | f. A handsome man will fall in love with you.                      |
| <u>    </u> 7. performing a miracle (par. 5) | g. using roots and herbs   |

## Lucky hats and other fishing superstitions

Text organization

**A** Mark each statement true (T) or false (F).

- T 1. Paragraphs 1 through 4 tell a story.
- 2. Paragraphs 5 through 11 list superstitions.
- 3. Paragraph 12 lists superstitions.
- 4. Paragraph 3 states the main idea of the text.
- 5. The picture only shows things that bring good luck.

Details

**B** Check (✓) the things that bring good luck when fishing.

- 1. wearing a hat
- 2. carrying bananas
- 3. seeing a rabbit cross your path
- 4. having a ham sandwich
- 5. carrying some eggs
- 6. spitting on your bait
- 7. keeping the first fish you catch
- 8. spilling a soft drink in your boat
- 9. catching a fish on the first cast
- 10. bringing a camera

Complex sentences

**C** Match the beginnings of each sentence with its correct ending.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d 1. If you buy a hat yourself,            | a. keep the first fish you catch.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. If you want to hide smells that fish don't like,   | b. there might be insects in them.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. If you want to spill a soft drink,                 | c. then you won't catch any more fish.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. If you don't want to scare the rest of the school, | d. you shouldn't wear it while fishing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. If you bring bananas on a boat,                    | e. you should kiss it.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. If you use fish as bait,                           | f. you should spit on it.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. If you keep the first fish you catch,              | g. leave it in an precarious position.  |

CHALLENGE

**D** Complete the statement. Use your own ideas.

I am / am not superstitious about fishing because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## A superstition about new calendars

Purpose and tone

**A** Circle the correct answers.

- Where did this article appear?
  - in a guide for office managers
  - on a Web site
  - in a newspaper
  - in a textbook
- What is the author's main point?
  - He still believes in some superstitions.
  - He believes superstitions are foolish.
  - He thinks more people should believe in superstitions.
  - He thinks superstitions come from the American South.
- How does the author make his point?
  - He interviews people.
  - He analyzes superstitions.
  - He tells personal stories.
  - He uses facts and statistics.
- What is the tone of the article?
  - fearful
  - angry
  - neutral
  - humorous

Context clues

**B** Check (✓) the best meaning of each phrase.

- We wanted y'all to eat the peas* (par. 8)
  - We wanted you to eat all of the peas
  - We wanted everyone to eat the peas
- hand out new calendars* (par. 3)
  - put calendars in people's hands
  - give calendars to everyone
- walk into a colleague's space* (par. 3)
  - meet a colleague
  - go to a colleague's desk or office
- preserving the air of a . . . professional* (par. 4)
  - seeming professional
  - not smoking in the office
- take any chances* (par. 3)
  - believe in chance
  - do anything risky

Details

**C** Mark each inference true (T) or false (F).

- F 1. The writer's colleagues thought he was superstitious.
2. The writer grew up in the southern United States.
3. Hanging a new calendar up too late is bad luck.
4. Eating black-eyed peas is a New Year's tradition in the South.
5. After he discovered his mistake, the writer was still superstitious.