

CHINESE SUPERSTITIONS

SUPERSTITIONS IN DAILY LIFE

COLORS

On the one hand, the red color is the luckiest color for Chinese culture. Red is the color of blood and it represents life. Because of it, the red color attracts felicity, richness, fame and good luck.

On the other hand, the black color is the color of rubbish and it is associated with evil, disasters and bad luck.

The white color is like breast milk color and it symbolizes purity, honesty and welfare.



This picture is a red envelope. The red envelope is a monetary gift which is given during holidays or special occasions. The red color of the envelope symbolizes good luck.

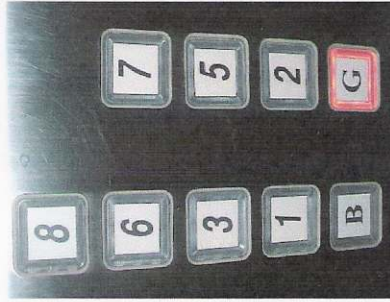
NUMBERS

The number of good luck is the number eight. In Chinese culture the word "eight" is similar to the word "prosperity". To know how important is this number in Chinese life, for example there are Chinese people who pay a lot of money for a telephone number or a registration number which has the number eight in it. Another example are Pekin Olympic Games, which began the 8th of August (the 8th month of the year) of 2008 at 8 o'clock.

The number of bad luck is number four, which pronunciation is similar to the word "death". In China there are streets which don't have houses with number four or buildings which don't have 4th floor. And the most horrible number is fourteen because it means ten deaths.



This is a picture car which has a registration number with the number eight in it.



This is a picture which was taken in an lift in a residential building.

There are many superstitions in daily routines like these:

- To cut hands nails at night means bad luck.
- If a dog barks during the night it will attract tragedies.
- If someone hit other person with a broom, he will cause bad luck to the other person for many years.
- If you have a tortoise in your business, your profits will slow down.