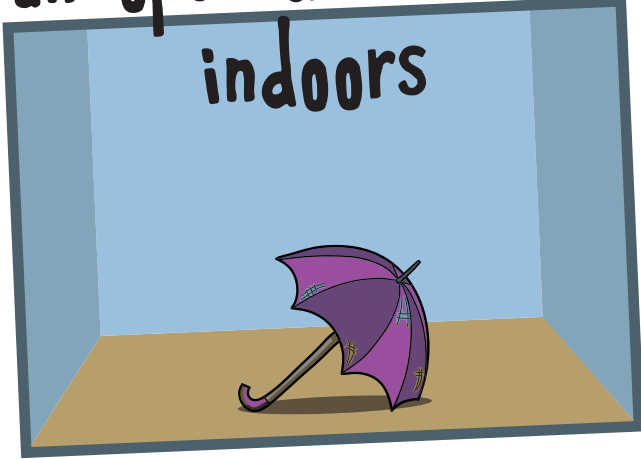


an opened umbrella

indoors



Origins of an Opened Umbrella

One theory about this superstition begins with the significance of an umbrella. Long ago, umbrellas were mainly used as protection against the sun, just like a parasol. To open one indoors would be insulting to the local sun god, who could unleash his wrath onto your household.

Another theory suggested that the umbrella was a symbol of protection against the storms of life. If you opened an umbrella in your home, the household guardian spirits might

think you felt their protection was insufficient, and then they would get mad and leave you unprotected. This meant that everyone in the house would be cursed.

How is the umbrella most symbolic for you? Do you think it represents protection against the sun or protection against the storms of life? Do you have a different theory? Explain.

What do you think you could do to bring back good luck and protection into your home after you have opened an umbrella inside?
