

The Weekend - Fortune Telling (C0330)

A: Look at this newspaper article about this famous local medium. It says that she is really gifted and so popular now, that she is booked solid with appointments for the next twelve months!

B: You don't really believe in all that hocus pocus mumbo jumbo do you?

A: Well I have had many friends that went to a psychic and got their palms read and most of the things the psychic told her came true!

B: Of course it does! They tell you general and obvious things like that you will be successful or have a big house. I think most of the times they are just scam artists.

A: Well historically it is a practice that many cultures share. Reading the tarot cards, in the east they would even read tea leaves! I even heard that there are people that make you smoke a cigar, and then read your ashes.

B: All superstitious nonsense! I would still like to go to one and see what he or she has to say, just for kicks.

A: Great! I'll make an appointment!

Key Vocabulary

medium	<i>N</i>	a person through whom the spirits of the dead are alleged to be able to contact the living.
gifted	<i>A</i>	having great special talent or ability
psychic	<i>A</i>	sensitive to influences or forces of a nonphysical or supernatural nature.
historic	<i>A</i>	of, pertaining to, treating, or characteristic of history or past events
practice	<i>V</i>	to do or perform (something) repeatedly
tarot	<i>N</i>	any of a set of 22 playing cards bearing allegorical representations, used for fortunetelling

ash	<i>N</i>	the powdery residue of matter that remains after burning
superstition	<i>A</i>	irrational fear of what is unknown or mysterious
hocus pocus mumbo jumbo	<i>P</i>	foolish religious reverence, ritual, or incantation

Supplementary Vocabulary

talent	<i>N</i>	a special natural ability or aptitude
far fetched	<i>A</i>	improbable
voodoo	<i>N</i>	black magic; sorcery
gypsie	<i>N</i>	a member of a people scattered throughout Europe and North America