8B Murphy's Law

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
Murphy's Law

G *if* + present, *will* + infinitive (first conditional) V confusing verbs P homophones

1 GRAMMAR *if* + present, *will* + infinitive

a Match 1–6 to a–f to make sentences.

Here are six more examples of MURPHY'S LAW

1 If you lose something, c
2 If you arrive early at a party, ___
3 If you make an appointment to see a doctor, ___
4 If you don't do your homework, ___
5 If you buy a new carpet, ___
6 If you get into a hot bath, ___

a you'll feel better before you see him or her.
b you'll drop something on it the first day.
c ~~you'll find it in the last place you look.~~
d your phone will ring.
e all the other people will be late.
f your teacher will ask you for it.

b Circle the correct words.

1 If the plane arrives late tonight, *I'll miss* / *I miss* the last bus home.
2 If *you see* / *you'll see* an accident, call the police!
3 We won't get lost if *we use* / *we'll use* our satnav.
4 We *don't get* / *won't get* to the cinema in time if we don't leave now.
5 If you *don't take* / *won't take* an umbrella, it'll definitely rain!
6 If there *isn't* / *won't be* much traffic when we leave, it won't take long to get there.

c Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Then match the sentences to the correct pictures, A–F.

Good luck, bad luck

1 Giving a knife D
If a friend *gives* (give) you a knife as a present and you *give* (give) your friend a coin, you'll always be (always be) friends.

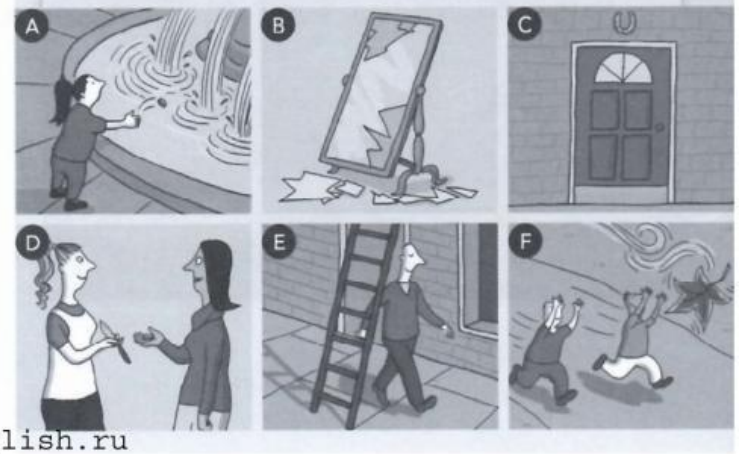
2 Horseshoe
If you _____ (find) a horseshoe and _____ (put) it above your door, it _____ (bring) good luck to you and your family.

3 Ladders
If you _____ (walk) under a ladder, you_____ (have) bad luck.

4 Throwing a coin into a well
If you _____ (throw) a coin into a well and _____ (ask) for something, your dreams _____ (come) true.

5 Falling leaves
If you _____ (catch) a falling leaf, you_____ (not be) ill all winter.

6 Mirrors
If you _____ (break) a mirror, you_____ (have) bad luck for seven years.



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2 VOCABULARY confusing verbs

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

~~carrying~~ earns found heard
listened to looking at looking for
watching ~~wearing~~ wins



1 a She's *carrying* a coat
b She's *wearing* a coat.



2 a He's _____ a picture.
b He's _____ TV.



3 a She's _____ her keys.
b She's _____ her keys.



4 a He _____ a lot of matches.
b He _____ a lot of money.



5 a We _____ the ambulance.
b We _____ the radio.

b Complete the sentences with the **bold** verbs in the correct tense.

1 **look, look like**
You *look* _____ very smart in that suit. In fact, you *look like* _____ a businessman!

2 **miss, lose**
I _____ my ticket and had to buy another one, so I _____ the train.

3 **say, tell**
My son doesn't often _____ lies, but if he does, he always _____ sorry.

4 **hope, wait**
I'm _____ for the bus. I _____ it'll come soon because it's raining.

5 **know, meet**
Laura _____ Sam on a safari last summer, so she's _____ him for a year now.

6 **borrow, lend**
If you need to _____ some money, I can _____ you £50.

7 **bring, take**
I can _____ you to the shopping centre, but I can't _____ you home.

c Complete the questions with a verb from **a** or **b** in the correct tense.

1 What will you do if there's nothing to *watch* on TV tonight?
2 Have you ever _____ something important and then found it? What was it?
3 How often do you _____ old photos?
4 What kind of music do you _____ to?
5 Have you ever _____ a prize? What for?

d Answer the questions in **c** about you.

1 _____.
2 _____.
3 _____.
4 _____.
5 _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION homophones

a 8.2 Listen and tick (✓) the words you hear.

1 know	✓	no		5 right		write	
2 where		wear		6 meat		meet	
3 sea		see		7 wait		weight	
4 war		wore		8 one		won	

b 8.3 Listen and check your answers. Then listen again and repeat the words.

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