

# 8B

## Murphy's Law

If everything seems to be going well,  
you have obviously overlooked something.  
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**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, \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

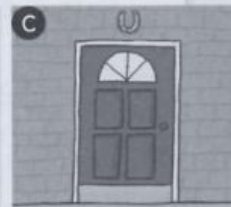
If you \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) a coin into a well and \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) for something, your dreams \_\_\_\_\_ (come) true.

### 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.



## 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.

- What will you do if there's nothing to watch on TV tonight?
- Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ something important and then found it? What was it?
- How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ old photos?
- What kind of music do you \_\_\_\_\_ to?
- Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ a prize? What for?

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

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.