

# MURPHY'S LAW

IF ANYTHING  
CAN  
GO WRONG  
IT WILL



If you change queues at the supermarket, what will happen? The queue you were in before, will move more quickly. You know what will happen because there's a law of life that says, *if something bad can happen, it will happen*. It's called **Murphy's Law** and it took its name from Captain Edward Murphy, an American aeroplane engineer from the 1940s.

He was investigating why planes crashed, and not surprisingly, he got a reputation for always thinking of the worst possible scenario... in every situation!

## AT HOME

- 1) If you wash your car,
- 2) If you look for something you lost,

## SOCIAL LIFE

- 3) If you wear something white,
- 4) If someone near you is smoking,

## TRANSPORT

- 5) If you stop waiting for the bus and start walking,
- 6) If you get to the station and a train is just leaving,

## SHOPPING

- 7) If you find something in a shop that you really like,
- 8) If you take something that doesn't work back to the shop,

a. You will spill wine or coffee on it.

b. They won't have it in your size.

c. It will rain.

d. The smoke will always do directly to you.

e. It'll be your train.

f. It'll start working.

g. You'll find it in the last place you look.

h. The bus will come.