Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!

If something can go wrong,…

1 Reading.

a What is Murphy's Law?
b Can you give an example of Murphy's Law?
c According to Murphy's Law; if you are waiting to check in at the airport and you change queues, what will usually happen?
d Now read the article; **It always happens!**

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ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE DISCOVERY

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It always happens!

If you are in a check-in queue and you change to another queue which is moving more quickly, what will happen? The queue you were in before will suddenly start moving faster. What will happen if you take your umbrella because you think it's going to rain later? It won't rain, of course. It will only rain if you forget to take your umbrella. These are examples of Murphy's Law, which says, 'If there is something that can go wrong, it will go wrong'. Murphy's Law took its name from Captain Edward Murphy, an American aerospace engineer from the 1940s. He was trying to improve safety for pilots flying military planes. Not surprisingly, he got a reputation for always thinking of the worst thing that could happen in every situation. Here are some more examples of Murphy's Law.

e Look at the eight examples of Murphy's Law in the article and match them with sentences A - H.

A your flight will be delayed.
B you will spill wine or coffee on it.
C you will find a parking space right in front of it.
D all the traffic lights will be red.
E will have a problem with their credit card.

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F they will already have a partner.
G there will be a hyperactive five-year-old in the seat behind you.
H it will work when the shop assistant tries it.

Air travel

1 ___ If you get to the airport early,…

2 ___ If you want to sleep on the plane,…

Shopping

3 ___ If you are in a hurry, the person in front of you…

4 ___ If you take something that doesn't work back to a shop,…

Driving

5 ___ If you're late for something important,…

6 ___ If you park a long way from a restaurant,…

Social life

7 ___ If you are single and you meet somebody at a party who you really like,...

8 ___ If you wear a new white shirt or dress,...

f Do any of these things or things like this often happen to you?

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2 Grammar; if + present, will + infinitive.

Complete these Murphy's Laws.

a If you find something in a shop that you really like,

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b If you stop waiting for a bus and start walking,

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c If you call a telephone company helpline,

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d If you leave your mobile phone at home,

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e If you lose a glove and buy a new pair,

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3 Pronunciation.

Remember that if a word finishes with a consonant and the next word begins with a vowel, we usually link the words together, eg. we'll⌣eat⌣in⌣a pub.

a Listen and repeat the sentences. Try to link the words.

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If I see her I'll tell her.

We'll go if it doesn't rain.

If I get there early, I'll order the food.

They'll arrive at eight if their flight's on time.

If you aren't in a hurry, we can walk.

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b Dictation.

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1 .....

2 .....

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4 .....

5 .....

4 Vocabulary & Speaking; confusing verbs.

wear jewellery
carry a bag

win a medal
earn a salary

know somebody well
meet somebody for the first time

hope that something good will happen
wait for a bus

watch TV
look at a photo

look happy
look like your mother

miss the bus
lose a match

bring your dictionary
take an umbrella

look for your glasses
find your glasses

say sorry
tell a joke

lend money to sb
borrow money from sb

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a Choose the right verb.

1. Who do you **LOOK / LOOK LIKE** in your family?
2. How many classes have you **MISSED / LOST** this year?
3. What gadgets do you always **BRING / TAKE** with you when you go on holiday?
4. Do you think sports people **WIN / EARN** too much money?
5. What is the best way to **KNOW / MEET** new friends?
6. Is it sometimes OK to **SAY / TELL** a lie?

5 Listening.

a Mention three things that can go wrong when you are on holiday.

b Match the words with their definitions.

☐ a monsoon ☐ an earthquake ☐ a tsunami ☐ a cyclone ☐ a blizzard ☐ a flood ☐ a forest fire	1) a very bad storm with snow and strong winds 2) a very strong wind that moves in a circle 3) a big fire that can destroy many trees and houses 4) a very large wave in the sea 5) when it rains very heavily for three months or more 6) when there is too much water in a river and it comes onto the streets or fields 7) when the ground suddenly shakes very strongly.

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c Listen to what happened to Mr and Mrs Svanström. What natural disaster happened in each place they visited?

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d Listen again and answer the questions.

1 How long did they have to wait at Munich airport?
2 What weather were they expecting in Bali?
3 Where were the streets full of smoke?
4 Where did they sleep in Cairns?
5 Why did they fly to Auckland and not to Christchurch in New Zealand?
6 What were they doing when the Japanese earthquake struck?
7 Where did they go for the last part of their holiday? Did anything happen to them there?
8 Do you think they were lucky or unlucky? Why?

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