

Lucky | Jason Mraz & Colbie Caillat

Let's Get Started...

American singer and songwriter Jason Mraz started his musical career playing at coffee shops in San Diego, California. He reached commercial success in 2005, with the release of *Mr. A-Z*, his second album. International success came in 2008, with the hit *I'm Yours*, which is the main track of his third studio album, *We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things*.

Lucky, featuring singer Colbie Caillat, is also in Mraz's third album. He came to know Caillat through MySpace, a social networking website that was popular among musicians who wanted to break into the industry. Mraz said in an interview that *Lucky* "was written back and forth with Colbie Caillat over e-mail". The song won the 2010 Grammy Award for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals.

Sources: <http://www.songfacts.com/detail.php?id=71685>; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucky_\(Jason_Mraz_and_Colbie_Caillat_song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucky_(Jason_Mraz_and_Colbie_Caillat_song)); https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jason_Mraz

Pre-Listening

1. Do you consider yourself to be a lucky person? Why (not)?
Write about things you have or that happened to you which make you think you are (un) lucky.



2. Work in small groups. Share your ideas from Activity 1 with your classmates.

3. The words on the left column will help you understand the lyrics of *Lucky*. Try to match them to the definitions on the right.

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| a. whisper | [] a gentle wind |
| b. hard | [] difficult |
| c. sail | [] travel across an area of water in a boat |
| d. breeze | [] turn around very quickly |
| e. spin | [] something you say in a very quiet voice |

4. Now use the words in Activity 3 to complete the sentences. Pay attention to verb and noun forms.

- It is always _____ to say goodbye to someone you love.
- A small boat _____ through shark-infested waters off the coast of South Africa yesterday.
- Alice could lie on her bed and watch the ceiling fan _____ above her head for hours.
- Jake's brown hair kept blowing in the cool afternoon _____ as he was riding his bike.
- The students who were cheating during the final exams kept talking in _____, so that the teacher couldn't hear them.

While Listening

5. Listen to the song *Lucky*. Complete the lyrics with the words in the second column – not all the words will be used.

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Do you (a) _____ me? I'm talking to you Across the water Across the deep blue (b) _____ Under the (c) _____ sky Oh my, baby I'm trying	closed ocean hear open listen to sea
Boy I hear you in my (d) _____ I feel your (e) _____ across the sea I keep you with me in my heart You make it easier when life gets (f) _____	dreams prayers easy voice hard whisper
Lucky I'm in love with my best friend Lucky to have been (g) _____ I have been Lucky to be coming (h) _____ again	back home doing where
They don't (i) _____ how long it takes Waiting for a (j) _____ like this Every time we say goodbye I wish we had one more (k) _____ I'll wait for you, I (l) _____ you I will	hug love kiss person know promise learn tell
[Chorus] Lucky I'm in love with my best friend Lucky to have been (m) _____ I have been Lucky to be coming (n) _____ again Lucky we're in love in every way Lucky to have stayed where we have stayed Lucky to be coming home (o) _____	back someday doing somehow home where
And so I'm (p) _____ through the sea To an island where we'll (q) _____ You'll hear the (r) _____ fill the air I'll put a (s) _____ in your hair	be together rose flower sailing meet song music traveling
Though the (t) _____, through the trees Move so (u) _____, you're all I see As the world keeps (v) _____ round You hold me right here right now [Chorus]	breezes smoothly pretty turning spinning wind

After Listening

6. Now that you have listened to the song, what kind of luck are the song narrators talking about? Did you mention it in your notes in Activity 1?

7. What are two themes of the song? Check ☒.

- ☐ a. Arguments between best friends.
- ☐ b. The importance of friendship in hard times.
- ☐ c. The good fortune of being in love with a friend.
- ☐ d. The difficulties of sailing across the sea.
- ☐ e. Long-distance love relationships.
- ☐ f. Different types of good luck and their consequences.

8. Work in small groups. Discuss the questions.

- a. Do you think that falling in love with someone who loves you back is a matter of luck? Why (not)?
- b. Have you ever fallen in love with a friend? If you feel comfortable, talk about how it happened.
- c. Some people believe it is easier to date someone who is already your friend. Do you agree? Why (not)?
- d. What is your opinion about long-distance relationships?