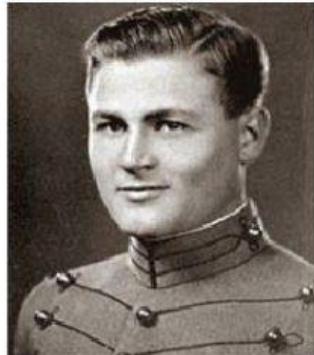


# MURPHY'S LAW

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, \_\_\_\_\_  
a. You will spill wine or coffee on it.
- 2) If you look for something you lost, \_\_\_\_\_  
b. They won't have it in your size.

## SOCIAL LIFE

- 3) If you wear something white, \_\_\_\_\_  
d. The smoke will always do directly to you.
- 4) If someone near you is smoking, \_\_\_\_\_  
e. It'll be your train.

## TRANSPORT

- 5) If you stop waiting for the bus and start walking, \_\_\_\_\_  
f. It'll start working.
- 6) If you get to the station and a train is just leaving, \_\_\_\_\_  
g. You'll find it in the last place you look.
- h. The bus will come.

## 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, \_\_\_\_\_

## SPEAKING

Work in small groups. How can you finish these Murphy's Laws?

- If you're single and you meet someone you really like, ...
- If you throw something away, ...
- If you're driving somewhere and you're in a hurry, ...
- If you get to work late, ...
- If you forget your mobile at home, ...
- If the door says "pull", ...

## FIRST CONDITIONAL

If I **miss** the bus, I'll get a taxi.

I'll get a taxi if I **miss** the bus.

If she **studies** for the exam, she **won't fail**.

She **won't fail** If she **studies** for the exam.

If it **rains**, what **will** you **do**?

What **will** you **do** at the weekend if it **rains**?

- Use **IF** + **present simple**, **WILL** + **infinitive** to talk about a possible future situation and its consequence.
- The **IF-CLAUSE** can come first or second. Don't forget to add a comma (,) if you write it first.

## LET'S PRACTICE

a. Complete with the correct form of the verbs.

1. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me your secret, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not tell) anybody.
2. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (start) walking, the bus \_\_\_\_\_ (come).
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) angry if you \_\_\_\_\_ (not tell) him about the party.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not write) down, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not remember) it.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (call) me if you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) any news?
6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her nicely, she \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you.

## VOCABULARY

b. Match the words with the pictures.



PLANE

LOTTERY

TRAFFIC JAM

CIGARETTE

SUITCASE

WIFE

MINUTES

SPOON

FLY

CHARDONNAY

KNIFE

SIGN

## IRONIC – Alanis Morissette

An old man turned ninety-eight

He won the \_\_\_\_\_ and died the next day.

It's a black \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_

It's a death row pardon, two \_\_\_\_\_ too late

And isn't it ironic, don't you think?

### CHORUS

It's like rain when you've already paid

It's a free ride It figures

It's the good advice on your wedding day

And who would've thought that you just didn't take

Mr. Play it Safe was afraid to fly

He packed his \_\_\_\_\_ and kissed his kids goodbye

He waited his whole dam life to take that \_\_\_\_\_

And as the \_\_\_\_\_ crashed down, he thought

"Well, isn't this nice?"

And isn't it ironic, don't you think?

### CHORUS

Well, life has a funny way of sneaking up on you

When you think everything's okay

And everything's going right.

And life has a funny way of helping you out

When you think everything's gone wrong

And everything blows up in your face.

A \_\_\_\_\_ when you're already late

A no-smoking \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_ break

It's like ten thousand \_\_\_\_\_ when all you need is a \_\_\_\_\_

It's meeting the man of your dreams,

and then meeting his beautiful \_\_\_\_\_

And isn't it ironic, don't you think?

A little too ironic, and yeah I really do think

### CHORUS