

1. [lʌk] *n*

1. (та или иная) судьба; случай

rough luck - горькая доля

good luck - счастливый случай, удача

good luck!, the best of luck! - счастливо!, желаю успеха!

bad luck - неудача, невезение, несчастье

bad luck to him! - пусть не будет ему удачи! ≅ чтоб ему пусто было!

he has good [bad] luck in his affairs - ему везёт [не везёт] в делах

he had the bad luck to break his leg - как на грех он сломал себе ногу

to have hard luck - быть несчастливым, не видать удачи

it was hard luck on you! - как вам не повезло!, какое несчастье! (*выражение сочувствия*)just my luck! - *ирон.* такое уж моё везение!, мне не везёт как всегда!what rotten luck! - какое невезение!, какое несчастье! (*выражение сочувствия*)worse luck - к сожалению; к тому же, вдобавок (*к чему-л. плохому*)

2. счастье, удача; успех; везенье

a great piece of luck - большое счастье, редкая удача

the devil's own luck - а) необыкновенная удача, редкое везение; б) *ирон.* чертовское /дьявольское/ невезение

a run of luck - полоса удачи

to wish smb. (all the) luck (in the world) - желать кому-л. (всяческого) успеха /-ой удачи/

to try one's luck - попытаться счастья; рискнуть

to try one's luck at the roulette - попытаться счастья в рулетку

I had the luck to know him - я имел счастье знать его

he has no luck - ему не везёт, ему нет счастья

he is in luck - ему везёт, ему удача

he is out of luck - ему не везёт

he is off his luck - счастье ему изменило, фортуна отвернулась от него

for luck! - за счастье!; за нас! (*мост*)

he wears a mascot for luck - он носит талисман на счастье

his luck was in - ему повезло; у него была полоса удач

his luck was out - ему не повезло; у него была полоса неудач

with any luck, with a bit of luck - если хоть немного повезёт

with luck, we'll be there tomorrow - если повезёт, мы будем там завтра

you never know your luck - как знать, вдруг да и посчастливится

◇ down on one's luck - а) в горе, в беде; обескураженный неудачей; б) на мели, без денег

as luck would have it - а) к счастью; б) как нарочно, к несчастью

as luck would have it, we were the last to arrive - получилось так, что мы прибыли последними

to crowd /to stretch, to push/ one's luck - переоценить свои возможности /силы/; ≅ искушать судьбу

to ride one's luck - полагаться на своё счастье, ждать новых удач

no such luck! - увы, нет!

the luck turns at last - колесо фортуны наконец-то поворачивается; наконец-то наступает перелом /поворот/ в судьбе

2. [lʌk] *v разг.*1. 1) иметь удачу; быть везучим (*тж.* luck out, luck up)

things were going bad and then he lucked out - дела шли плохо, но вдруг ему повезло

he lucked out in finding that rare book - наконец ему посчастливилось найти эту редкую книгу

2) (to be lucked out) *разг.* столкнуться с невезеньемthey were lucked out - а) им не повезло; б) *воен. жарг.* они погибли2. (on, onto, into) случайно найти (*что-л. хорошее*)

they lucked onto a vein of gold - они натолкнулись на золотую жилу

luck

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

luck [lʌk lʌks lʌcked lʌckɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* [lʌk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [lʌk] ^ˈ*noun uncountable*

1. good things that happen to you by chance, not because of your own efforts or abilities

- **With (any) luck** , we'll be home before dark.
- (*BrE*) **With a bit of luck** , we'll finish on time.
- So far I have had no luck with finding a job.
- I **could hardly believe my luck** when he said yes.
- It was **a stroke of luck** that we found you.
- **By sheer luck** nobody was hurt in the explosion.
- We **wish her luck** in her new career.
- You're **in luck** (= lucky) — there's one ticket left.
- You're **out of luck** . She's not here.
- What a piece of luck!
- The only goal of the match came **more by luck than judgement** .
- Finally my luck ran out and they caught me trying to climb the outer wall.
- She dared not trust to luck that nobody would see her.

see also ↑beginner's luck

2. chance; the force that causes good or bad things to happen to people

Syn: ↑fortune

- to have **good/bad luck**
- I put the loss of the money down to pure bad luck.

see also ↑hard-luck story

more at hard luck/lines **at** ↑hard_{adj.}, pot luck **at** ↑pot_{n.}, to push your luck **at** ↑push_{v.}, tough luck **at** ↑tough_{adj.}, try your luck **at** ↑try_{v.}, worse luck **at** ↑worse_{adj.}

Word Origin:

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- It was sheer luck that we met like that.

chance • • **coincidence** • • **accident** • • **fortune** • • **fate** • • **destiny** • |formal **providence** •

by ...luck/chance/coincidence/accident

bring sb good/bad luck/fortune

have the... luck/fortune **to do sth**

Synonyms:

luck

chance • coincidence • accident • fate • destiny

These are all words for things that happen or the force that causes them to happen.

luck • the force that causes good or bad things to happen to people: ▪ This ring has always brought me good luck.

chance • the way that some things happen without any cause that you can see or understand: ▪ The results could simply be due to chance.

coincidence • the fact of two things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way: ▪ They met through a series of strange coincidences.

accident • something that happens unexpectedly and is not planned in advance: ▪ Their early arrival was just an accident.

fate • the power that is believed to control everything that happens and that cannot be stopped or changed: ▪ Fate decreed that she would never reach America.

destiny • the power that is believed to control events: ▪ I believe there's some force guiding us— call it God, destiny or fate.

fate or destiny?

Fate can be kind, but this is an unexpected gift; just as often, **fate** is cruel and makes people feel helpless. **Destiny** is more likely to give people a sense of power: people who have a **strong sense of destiny** usually believe that they are meant to be great or do great things.

by ...luck/chance/coincidence/accident

It's no coincidence/accident **that...**

pure/sheer luck/chance/coincidence/accident

to believe in luck/coincidences/fate/destiny

Example Bank:

- By a stroke of luck I came across it in a local bookshop.
- By ill luck, my flight had been cancelled.
- By sheer luck we managed to get out in time.
- Don't push your luck!
- He couldn't believe his luck when the other candidate for the job withdrew.
- He went on gambling, sure his luck was about to change.
- I always carry it with me, just for luck.
- I decided to try my luck at the roulette wheel.
- I don't know why I did so well— it must be beginner's luck.
- I had hoped there would be another train, but I was out of luck.
- I haven't had much luck recently.
- I thought I was going to miss the train but luck was on my side.
- I wished her luck for the future.
- If our luck holds, we should win.
- If you didn't win a prize, better luck next time.
- It looks as though our luck's finally run out.
- It was rotten luck to be ill on the day of the interview.
- It was sheer luck that we met like that.
- Just my luck to get the broken chair!
- More bad luck struck last week.
- This ring has always brought me good luck.
- We rode our luck towards the end of the game.
- With luck, we'll get there before it closes.
- You make your own luck in business.
- You're in luck— there are just two tickets left.
- In the movie they play two jazz musicians who are down on their luck.
- It was his hard luck that he wasn't chosen.

- It's not something I would care to try myself but if she wants to, good luck to her.
- My grandparents emigrated to Canada to try their luck there.
- Nevermind— better luck next time.
- To a large extent the life you have depends on who your parents were; it's just the luck of the biological draw.

Idioms: ↑any luck? ▪ ↑as luck would have it ▪ bad/hard luck ▪ ↑best of luck ▪ ↑better luck next time ▪ ↑down on your luck ▪ ↑for luck ▪ ↑good luck ▪ ↑good luck to somebody ▪ ↑just my luck ▪ ↑luck of the draw ▪ ↑no such luck ▪ ↑your luck is in

Derived ↑luck out

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	luck
	BrE /lʌk/
	NAme /lʌk/
he / she /it	lucks
	BrE /lʌks/
	NAme /lʌks/
past simple, past participle	lucked
	BrE /lʌkt/
	NAme /lʌkt/
-ing form	lucking
	BrE /lʌkɪŋ/
	NAme /lʌkɪŋ/

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1. **luck**¹ **S2 W3** /lʌk/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun* [uncountable]

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑lucky ≠ ↑unlucky, ↑luckless; noun: ↑luck; adverb: ↑luckily ≠ ↑unluckily]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Middle Dutch; **Origin:** luk]

1. **SUCCESS** (also **good luck**) good things that happen to you by chance:

- You're not having much luck today, are you?
- He's had good luck with his roses this year.
- It was an incredible piece of luck.

by luck

It was only by luck that they managed to avoid hitting the rocks near the shore.

2. **bad luck** the bad things that happen to someone by chance, not because of something they did:

- I've had nothing but bad luck since I moved to this town.

3. **CHANCE** when good or bad things happen to people by chance:

- Roulette is a game of luck.

4. **with (any) luck/with a bit of luck spoken** if things happen in the way that you want **SYN hopefully**:

- With a bit of luck, you might get a flight tomorrow.

5. **wish somebody (the best of) luck** to tell someone that you hope they will be successful in something they are going to do:

- She wished me luck in the exam, then left.

6. **good luck/best of luck spoken** used to tell someone that you hope they will be successful in something they are going to do:

- Good luck in this enormous project you are undertaking.

7. **good luck to somebody spoken** used to say that you do not mind what someone does because it does not affect you:

- I say, good luck to him.

8. **any luck?/no luck? spoken** used to ask someone if they have succeeded in doing something:

- 'Oh, there you are. Any luck?' 'No, I didn't catch a single fish.'

9. **be in luck** to be able to do or get something, especially when you did not expect to:

- You're in luck – it's stopped snowing.

10. **be out of luck** to be prevented from getting or doing something by bad luck:

- The team were out of luck again at Scarborough on Saturday.

11. **do something for luck** to do something because you think it might bring you good luck:

- She crossed her fingers for luck.

12. **just my luck spoken** used to say that you are not surprised something bad has happened to you, because you are usually unlucky:

- I didn't get to the phone in time. Just my luck!

13. **no such luck spoken** used to say you are disappointed because something good that you hoped would happen did not happen:

- 'Have you Sunday off?' 'No such luck.'

14. **better luck next time** used to say that you hope someone will be more successful the next time they try to do something

15. **as luck would have it** used to say that something happened by chance:

- As luck would have it, my best friend is the most wonderful cook in the world.

16. **try/chance your luck** to do something because you hope you will be successful, even though you know you may not be:

- After the war my father went to Canada to try his luck at farming there.

17. **be down on your luck** to have no money because you have had a lot of bad luck over a long period of time:

- When someone is down on their luck, friends are very difficult to find.

18. **the luck of the draw** the result of chance rather than something you can control
19. **some people have all the luck** *spoken* used to say that you wish you had what someone else has
20. **bad/hard/tough luck** *especially spoken British English* used to express sympathy when something unpleasant has happened to someone ⇒ **tough luck** at ↑*tough*¹(7)
21. **with/known sb's luck** *spoken* used to say that you expect something bad to happen to someone because bad things often do happen to them:
 * With my luck, I'd lose if I backed the only horse in a one horse race.
22. **worse luck** *British English spoken* unfortunately:
 * 'Would your boyfriend like a drink?' 'He's not my boyfriend, worse luck!'
23. **luck is on sb's side** if luck is on someone's side, things go well for them:
 * Luck was on my side; all the traffic lights were green.
24. **(one) for luck** *spoken* used when you take, add, or do something for no particular reason, or in order to say that you hope good things happen
 ⇒ ↑*hard-luck story*, ⇒ **push your luck** at ↑*push*¹(12)

COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1, 2, & 3)

■ adjectives

- **good luck** These birds are said to bring good luck.
- **bad luck** His bad luck continued.
- **sheer/pure luck** (=chance, and not skill or effort) She managed to catch hold of the rope by sheer luck.
- **dumb luck** *American English* (=sheer good luck, not influenced by anything you did) Sometimes I think my success was really just dumb luck.
- **beginner's luck** (=good luck that happens when you first try something) He'd hit the center of the target. 'Beginner's luck, I guess,' he said.

■ verbs

- **have good/bad luck** I've had a bit of bad luck.
- **have more/less luck** I hope you have more luck in the next competition.
- **have no luck** (also **not have much/any luck**) (=not be lucky or successful) I'd been looking for a job for weeks, but had had no luck.
- **can't believe your luck** I couldn't believe my luck as my number was called out!
- **have the (good/bad) luck to do something** He had the good luck to meet a man who could help him.
- **sb's luck holds** (=they continue having good luck) Our luck held, and the weather remained fine.
- **sb's luck runs out** (=they stop having good luck) Finally my luck ran out and they caught me.
- **bring somebody (good/bad) luck** He always carried the stone in his pocket; he reckoned it brought him luck.

■ phrases

- **a piece/stroke of luck** (=something good that happens by chance) What a piece of luck that he arrived when he did!
- **a run of good/bad luck** (=a series of good or bad things) The team has had a run of bad luck lately, losing their last five games.
- **a matter of luck** (=something that depends on chance) Winning is a matter of luck.
- **an element of luck** (=an amount of luck that is involved in something) There is always an element of luck when hiring someone for a job.

THESAURUS

- **luck** *noun* [uncountable] when good or bad things happen to people by chance: The game involves an element of luck as well as skill.
- **chance** *noun* [uncountable] the way that some things happen without being planned or caused by people: I met her by chance on a plane to Tokyo. | Like all top athletes, he leaves nothing to chance, and trains harder than anybody.
- **fortune** *noun* [uncountable] luck and the effect it has on your life: I had the good fortune to work with some great people. | The tour was dogged by ill fortune (=it had a lot of bad luck) from the start. | Fortune has shone on the team so far this season (=they have been lucky).
- **fate** *noun* [uncountable] a power that some people believe controls what happens to people and which cannot be changed or stopped: Fate dealt him a cruel blow with the death of his wife at the age of 32. | It must have been fate that brought them together, and fate that tore them apart. | We can't just leave it to fate.
- **providence** *noun* [uncountable] a power which some people believe controls what happens in our lives and protects us: Do you believe in divine providence (=God's power to make things happen)? | Her life was mapped out for her by providence.
- **fluke** *noun* [countable usually singular] *informal* something good that happens because of luck: Their second goal was a fluke. | They won by a fluke.

II. **luck**² *BrE* * *AmE* * *verb*

luck out *phrasal verb*

American English informal to be lucky:

- * Yeah, we really lucked out and got a parking space right in front.

luck

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