

4A *That's strange!*

Activity 1

- A** A: What is your first impression of the picture?
B: The picture is very confusing. Which way is up?
C: I don't think it matters.
A: What are the people doing?
B: Some people are working, and some are reading or eating.
C: Turn the picture in different directions. What are the people doing?
A: Some are sitting outside.

Activity 1

- C** A: Which of Michael's or Karen's ideas do you agree with? Which do you disagree with?
B: I agree with Michael's idea that it's very hot in the place in the picture. But I disagree that it's noon. I think Karen's right – it's morning.
C: I agree with Karen about the people – they're just relaxing at home. I really don't think they're servants.

Activity 2

- A** A: Which picture do you think is the most disorienting?
B: The first one is the most disorienting. I feel dizzy when I look at it.
A: Really? I think the first picture is the most mesmerizing. It's amazing!

Activity 2

- B** A: Which square is darker, A or B?
B: I think A is.
A: I think so, too.
B: How many lines are wavy?
A: I think they're all wavy. Don't you?
B: Hmm. I'm not sure.

Activity 2

- C** A: Let's check our answers.
B: Wow! I can't believe it.
A: It's amazing, isn't it?

Activity 3

- B** A: Who are the people? Where are they?
B: It sounds as if someone is asleep.
A: It could be somebody who is a very heavy sleeper.
B: What are they doing? What will happen next?
A: I think they're breaking into the house. Maybe they're burglars. The sleeping person might hear them and wake up.

Activity 3

- D** A: Are you ready to tell your story?
B: Sure. A man is sleeping in his bed. Two burglars – a married couple – break into his apartment. They think nobody's home.
C: Then what happens?
D: They take a soda out of the refrigerator, and they drink it.
B: One of them drops a glass on the floor, and it breaks.
D: Then the sleeping man wakes up and calls the police. Finally, the burglars get arrested.

4B Good luck, bad luck

Activity 1

- A** A: Let's try to guess the missing words. I think the first missing word is *TV*.
B: Are you sure? I think it's *radio*.
A: Yes, that makes more sense. How about the next missing word?

Activity 1

- D** A: What could Betty and Henry have done to avoid their bad experiences?
B: Betty could have kept her ticket in a safe place.
C: Henry should have been better organized, too.
A: Do you know anyone who is often lucky? unlucky?
B: My mother is lucky. She's won the lottery a few times – not huge prizes, but it's lucky anyway.
C: I have a cousin who's really unlucky. Bad things happen to him all the time.
A: Do you think some people are naturally lucky or unlucky?
C: I don't think so. I think you make your own luck.
B: I disagree. I think there are some people who are naturally unlucky.
A: Have you had any lucky or unlucky experiences?
B: I won a new bicycle when I was a kid. I was really happy.

Activity 2

- A** A: Which of these things are lucky or unlucky in your culture?
B: A four-leaf clover is considered lucky in my culture.
A: What number is lucky or unlucky in your culture?
B: The number 4 is unlucky in my culture because it sounds like the word for *death*.
A: That's true in my culture, too.

Activity 2

- B** A: Do you have similar superstitions in your culture?
B: Yes. In my culture, people say if you walk under a ladder, you'll have bad luck.
A: Which things are unlucky in your culture?
B: Let's see. Writing someone's name in red ink is unlucky in my culture.
A: Do you avoid doing any of them?
B: I avoid walking under ladders, and I never open umbrellas indoors.

Activity 2

- C** A: How superstitious are you?
B: I'm superstitious about a few things. For example, before I take a test, I always take seven deep breaths.
C: Do you have a lucky or an unlucky number?
A: I think the number 13 is unlucky. I always try to avoid doing important things on the thirteenth day of the month.
D: Do you have a lucky coin, ring, or other item?
A: I have a lucky charm that is supposed to protect me and bring me good luck. I keep it in my car.
C: What do you do if you want to be lucky? What do you do to avoid being unlucky?
D: Well, to avoid being unlucky, I never buy four of anything. If I visit a friend's house, I'll take three or five cakes as a gift, but never four.