Bad Luck?

Checking Ideas Out for Yourself

♫ Hmm Hmm ♪

SNAP

OWW!
THUD

What was that?!

An apple hit me?
Why did that happen?

WOAH!

Ooff...

First an apple lands on my head...
...and now I trip in a hole!

Why are so many bad things happening?

And now its starting to rain...
What a day!

Hi Mia and Joey!
Come inside before you get all wet!

Thanks Lily!

What a day it has been!

First an apple fell on my head.
Then I tripped in a hole, and then it started raining!

Well I noticed Joey was walking in front of you…
That’s probably why you had such a rough day.

Huh?
What does Joey have to do with any of that?

Letting a dog walk in front of you brings bad luck, of course!

Bad luck?
What is that?

When you have bad luck, bad things will probably happen to you.

There are lots of things that bring bad luck.

Really?
Like what?

Letting a dog walk in front of you, spilling sugar, or stepping on the shadow of a tree bring terrible luck.

But dumping a little sugar on your head brings good luck.

Bad things will never happen as long as you have good luck.

But terrible things can happen if you have bad luck.

Wow, I never knew that.
Thanks so much!

I have to tell Kate and Tom!

STOP JOEY!

You can’t walk in front of me or we’ll have bad luck!

Kate and Tom!

I learned some very important things from Lily!

Letting a dog walk in front of you, stepping on the shadow of a tree, and spilling sugar bring bad luck!

If you do any of those, terrible things can happen!

But dumping sugar on your head brings good luck!

Why would spilling sugar make something bad happen?

Hmm... Yeah...
Are you sure about this?

Of course, I’m sure!

You know how smart Lily is!
She couldn’t just be wrong!

I’m not so sure about that…

Maybe you should check it out for yourself instead of just believing it…

Maybe test if those things actually make bad stuff happen…

Looks like Mia has a decision to make.

Stop and Think About Each Choice:

What good things might happen? What bad things might happen?

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Pick one of the choices below

Nah, I don’t need to check it out…
What Lily said must be true…
Back to Choice

Well we are going on a hike.
Want to come with?

Sure, but first I need to grab sugar from my house.
I'll meet you at the woods.

STOP!!!

Oh no...
The shadows...

We can do this Joey…
We'll just have to jump…

STOP!!!

Back up Joey!
You can’t go in front of me!

Okay...
We can do this...

Eeeekkk!

Phew...
One down...

Oh no!

Okay...
One more to go...

Okay...

Wait...

AAAAHHHH!!!!

It touched me!
Oh no oh no oh no...

Hurry Joey!
We have to get that sugar!

I’ll sprinkle a little on my head for good luck…

There we go...
Much better...

Okay, let’s meet Tom and Kate in the woods.

Hi Mia!
Check out these bats!

They are really funny!

Mmmh…
Sugar!

Hey!
Cut it out!

Woah!

Cool I guess...
Can we keep going?

Munch, munch…
Chomp, chomp…
Munch, munch…
Chomp, chomp…

Woah!
What is this place?

I have never seen this before!

Waaaiiittt...
Isn’t the whole forest floor covered by tree shadows?

Yeah, I guess it is...

Then I just walked through *so* many tree shadows!

I need more good luck sugar on my head, right now!

NO, MY SHAKER IS EMPTY!

I have been spilling sugar!
Ruff!

AND NOW JOEY IS IN FRONT OF ME!

AAAAAHHHHHH!!!!!

So much bad luck!
Something terrible is going to happen!

Mia, haven’t you walked through the forest before?

And hasn’t Joey walked in front of you lots of times?

Yeah...
I guess...

Did anything terrible happen?

N-no, I guess not...
B-but Lily said...

Well maybe Lily is wrong.
Everyone is wrong sometimes, even smart people!

Nothing bad has happened yet.
So how about we keep walking?

O-okay...

A few hours later…

You were right!
Nothing bad has happened!

I guess that stuff Lily told me isn’t true…

Yeah, probably not…

Too bad I spent the whole day being afraid...

I wish I would have checked things out for myself…

Stop and Think:

Mia decided to trust Lily’s advice about bad luck instead of testing it out herself?

What bad things happened because of that choice?

Click When Ready to Go On

She didn’t have much fun because she was scared all day.

She did a lot of silly things that mostly made things worse, not better.

She made things less fun for the others, especially for Joey!

If you want, you can go back and see what would have happened if a different choice was picked.

Back to Choice

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Hmm, I guess that is a good idea...
I'll check the ideas out for myself...
Back to Choice

See you later!

Okay Joey, let’s step in these shadows.
If Lily is right, something bad should happen.

Okay, I did it...

Nothing yet..
What if I walk through it?

Nothing...

Well, what if I stamp on it?

Ruff!

Ruff!

Come on Joey!
Stamp on the shadows with me!

Ruff!

Whee!

Whee!

Well looks like stepping on tree shadows is safe!

Ruff!

Let’s go spill some sugar…

And you can go in front Joey!

Ruff!

Okay, let’s spill some sugar!

Shake, shake...

Shake, shake, shake...

Shake, shake, shake, shake...

That’s all of it!

We stamped on tree shadows, spilled a bunch of sugar, and you walked in front of me all the way here!

And still nothing bad happened!

I guess the bad luck stuff Lily told me wasn’t true after all.

That’s a relief!
Being afraid of tree shadows and Joey walking in front of me was not fun!

WOOF!!

Stop and Think:

Kate decided to investigate the “bad luck” herself.

What good things happened because of that choice?

Click When Ready to Go On

Mia and Joey had fun testing their ideas.

Mia figured out she doesn’t have to be afraid of those silly things.

If you want, you can go back and see what would have happened if a different choice was picked.

Back to Choice

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- Mia is walking along and several bad things happen to her
- An apple falls out of a tree and hits her on the head
- She trips over a rock
- When she gets to Lily’s house, it starts to rain
- Lily lets her go inside
- Mia talks about how things have been going wrong
- Mia says its because her dog was walking in front of her
- Mia explains bad luck and that letting a dog walk in front of you or stepping on a trees shadow causes bad luck
- Mia explains that spilling sugar is bad luck, but putting it on your head is good luck
- Mia goes back and explains to Tom, who is skeptical
- Mia thinks Lily is really smart, and wonders if she could really be wrong
- **Decision to let believe what Lily said or investigate for herself**
- **Believe what Lily said**
- Mia suffers throughout the day because of the superstitions
- Eventually they go to a forest and it starts to get dark
- She realizes her sugar all spilled, and the whole forest is tree shadows, and then Joey walks in front of her, so she freaks out
- The others calm her down, but she continues in a panic
- Eventually she realizes nothing bad is happening
- Wishes she hadn’t wasted the day being so freaked out
- **Decides to investigate herself**
- Decides to test whether the bad luck is real by causing the bad luck and going several places
- In one of the places something kind of good happens
- In another place something kind of bad happens
- Concludes that the bad luck isn’t real