



Luck or Destiny?

Do you believe in luck or believe that everything happens for a reason?

Well, when people talk about bad things that have happened to them they usually say they are lucky to be alive, but is it luck or destiny?

There was a man who was walking down the street when a bus lost control and crashed onto the pavement, but a few seconds before this happened, the man stopped to tie his shoelaces. He missed the bus by 3 or 4 seconds. Was that luck or fate?

Another incident happened when a young woman was driving her car to work. She was driving along the motorway when her brakes failed. She lost control of the car and smashed into a bridge, but somebody had left an old bed mattress next to the bridge and so she crashed into that and was safe.

There are many stories like these, but my favourite is about a man who was diving in the Ocean. He was diving on his own when three sharks swam up to him and were about to attack him, but because the man had eaten curry an hour before he dived, the smell stopped the sharks from attacking. The man was safe and told everybody to eat curry before they go diving!

Some people believe there is an invisible force that decides whether somebody gets injured in an accident or somebody walks away unharmed. Nobody really knows but probably the best advice somebody gave me was to always be aware of your surroundings because if you are aware and alert then you can see if bad things are going to happen.

Comprehension Questions

- 1) What do people say when somebody has happened to them?
- 2) What was the man doing when the bus crashed onto the pavement?
- 3) What was the young woman doing before she lost control of the car?
- 4) What did the man eat before he went diving?
- 5) How many sharks swam up to him?
- 6) What was the best piece of advice the writer was given?

Writing Task: Write three scenarios as in the stories above using the Past Continuous and the Past Simple and let the class decide if they are luck or fate.