



What is Murphy's Law?

Does it work?

**MURPHY'S LAW:**  
Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.



**ROSSCOTT'S LAW:**  
The faster the computer,  
the faster it can go wrong.



## VOCABULARY

Do you know who was  
Murphy?

Was he a lucky guy?



Edward Murphy



In 1949 the US Force ran a series of tests to predict how human body behaves during air crash

Edward Murphy was the guy  
who constructed the safety  
harness for volunteers.

But he wasn't the one who  
put them on



Safety harness  
on the victims  
was strapped  
backwards  
because it  
could be  
strapped  
backwards

# VOCABULARY

## Probability phrases:

Certainty

He **must**

Possibility

He **might**

He **may**

He **could**

Certainty

He **can't**

**be** in love

**live** near here

**be earning** a lot of money



# Unlucky words

Unfortunate

Luckless

ill-fated/ill-starred

Wretched

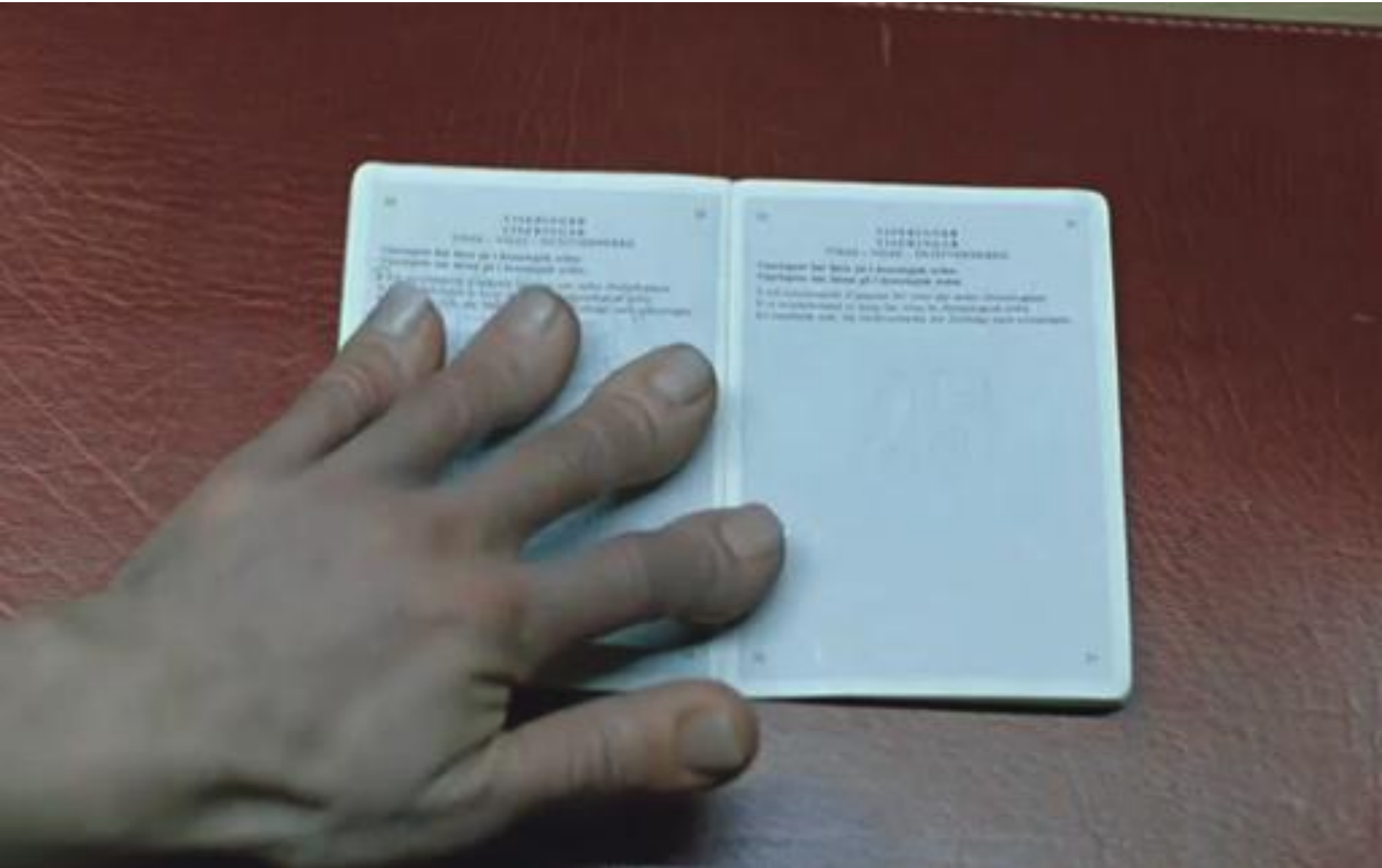
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Jinxed (cursed)

Unseely (miserable) OE

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# To be all thumbs





**RUN OUT  
OF LUCK**

**TREVOR G DUTTON**

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Code JDI001

How are the following  
pictures the **subjects** of  
**Murphy's Law?**





**YOU HAD ONE JOB.**

**START**

**ONE JOB.**







**DishDVI**



L/MONO

R

**COMPONENT INPUTS**

CMP1

CMP2

Y Pb Pr L/MONO R

Y Pb Pr L/MONO R

RIGHT LEFT

EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

EXT / INT

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**COMPOSITE INPUTS**

S-VIDEO

V L/MONO R

VID1

S-VIDEO

V L/MONO R

VID2

ANTENNA/  
CABLE

**AUDIO/VIDEO OUTPUT**

FIXED AUDIO

V L R

VARIABLE AUDIO

SUBWOOFER L R

FOR FACTORY  
USE ONLY







A black and white portrait of Charles Darwin, showing him from the chest up. He has a full, dark beard and mustache, and is wearing round-rimmed spectacles. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**DARWIN AWARD**

**FOR IMPROVING THE HUMAN GENE POOL BY  
LEAVING IT IN A PROFOUNDLY STUPID MANNER.**



*Smile. Tomorrow will be worse*





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WHEN IT  
RAINS  
IT POURS

A decorative flourish consisting of a thick, black, curved line that starts on the left, loops upwards and to the right, then curves downwards and to the left, ending in a small hook.

Why does Murphy's  
Law exist?

Has anything similar  
ever happened to you?

Do you know any  
other variations of  
the Murphy's law?



***When you dial a  
wrong number, you  
never get a busy  
signal.***

**If you hit two keys on the typewriter,  
the one you don't want hits the paper.**



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***The longer you wait in line, the greater the likelihood that you are standing in the wrong line.***

A photograph of a classroom where several students are raising their hands. The focus is on a hand in the foreground, with other hands visible in the background. A teacher is partially visible at the front of the class. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Success always occurs in private,  
and failure in full public view.**