# Aula 6

Escola de Educação

## Avançado 2

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## Conversa Inicial

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## Superstitions

- Are you superstitious? What are some common superstitions you know?

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## Reading: The broken mirror, the black cat and lots of good luck

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- Nikos was an ordinary man. Nothing particularly good ever happened to him; nothing particularly bad ever happened to him. He went through life accepting the mixture of good things and bad things that happen to everyone. He never looked for any explanation or reason about why things happened just the way they did.

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## Reading: : The broken mirror, the black cat and lots of good luck

- One morning Nikos woke up and walked into the bathroom. He started to shave, as he did every morning, but as he was shaving he noticed that the mirror on the bathroom wall wasn't quite straight. He tried to move it to one side to make it straighter, but as soon as he touched it, the mirror fell off the wall and hit the floor with a huge crash. It broke into a thousand pieces.

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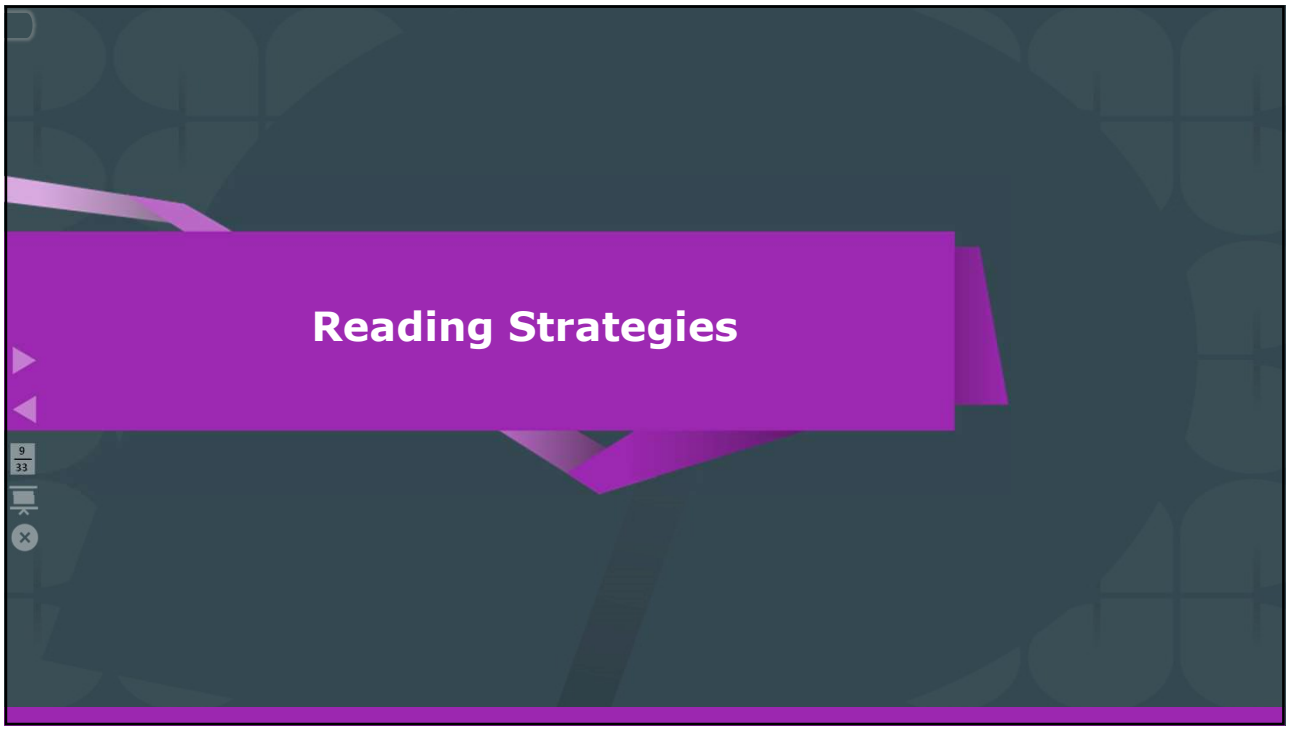
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- What will happen?
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- Will he have good luck?

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## Reading Strategies

- **Previewing:**
- **When previewing text, rely on what you already know to help you understand the text. This provides support for any new information.**

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## Reading Strategies

- **Predicting**
- **Make predictions about the text you are about to read, it helps interpret the sentences and ideas based on your prior knowledge.**

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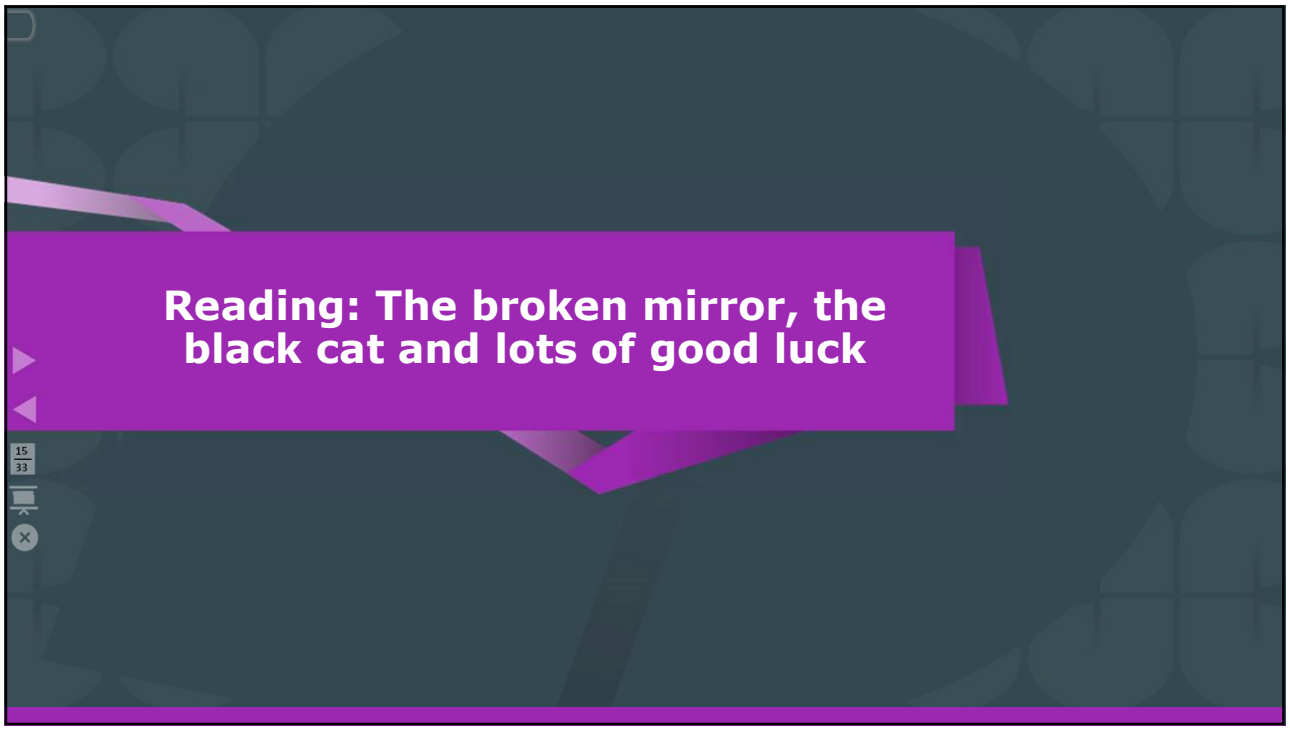
- **Making Inferences**
- **In order to make inferences about something that is not explicitly explained or written, rely on knowledge to recognize clues in the text.**

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## Reading: : The broken mirror, the black cat and lots of good luck

- That evening, as usual, he went to the tavern. He told all his friends in the tavern that he had broken a mirror, spilled the salt, seen a black cat running away from him and then walked under a ladder. All his friends in the tavern moved away from him. 'Something bad will happen to him,' they all said, 'and we don't want to be near him when it happens!'

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## Reading: : The broken mirror, the black cat and lots of good luck

- But nothing bad happened to Nikos all evening. He sat there as normal, and everything was normal. Nikos was waiting for something bad to happen to him. But it didn't. The next day Nikos bought a book about superstitions from all over the world. When he had read the book he decided to do everything that would bring him bad luck.

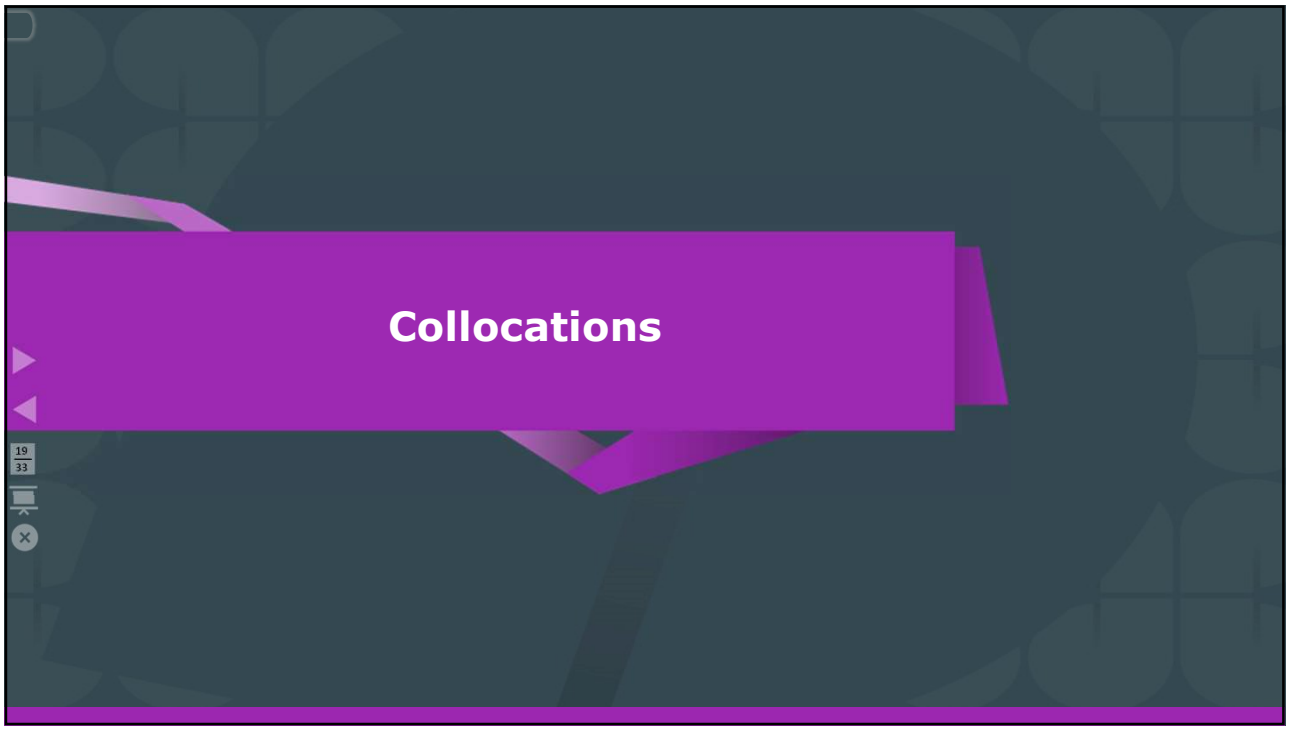
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- Retrieved and adapted from:

https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english/stories/the-broken-mirror-the-black-cat-and-lots-of-good-luck

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## Collocations

- How words go together or form fixed relationships.
- Becoming aware of collocations is part of vocabulary learning.

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## Collocations

- *heavy rain,* not "thick rain"
- *high temperature*, not "tall temperature"
- *have an experience,* not "do/make an experience"

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## Collocations

- Collocations may be strong or weak.
  - ✓ **Strong collocations**: link between words is fixed and restricted.
  - ✓ **Weak collocations**: a word can collocate with many other words.

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## Collocations

- **Strong collocations:**
  - ***make+ a wish***
  - ***express + a wish***
  - ***fulfill + a wish***

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## Collocations

- **Weak collocations:**
- ***Big* + *apartment, beach, car, camera, chance, disappointment, fight, gun, lamp, moon, news, ocean, pain, pity, price, queue, table, umbrella, upset, wait, window (…)***

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## Culture time: Superstitions

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## Russia: Never say "Happy Birthday" too early




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## Germany: No cheers with water



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## Iceland: Knitting outside can prolong winter



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## Sweden: Don't step on a manhole



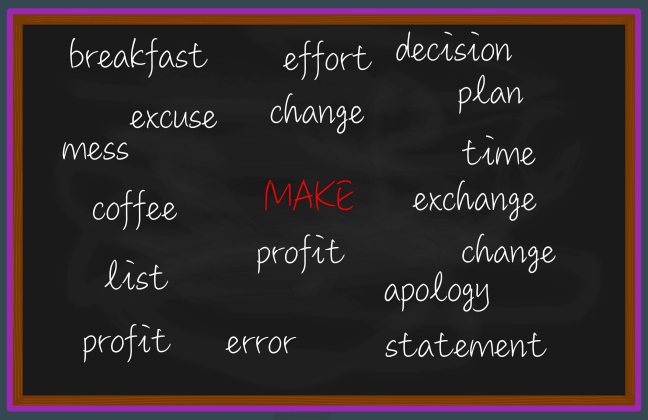
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## Collocations: Strong or weak?

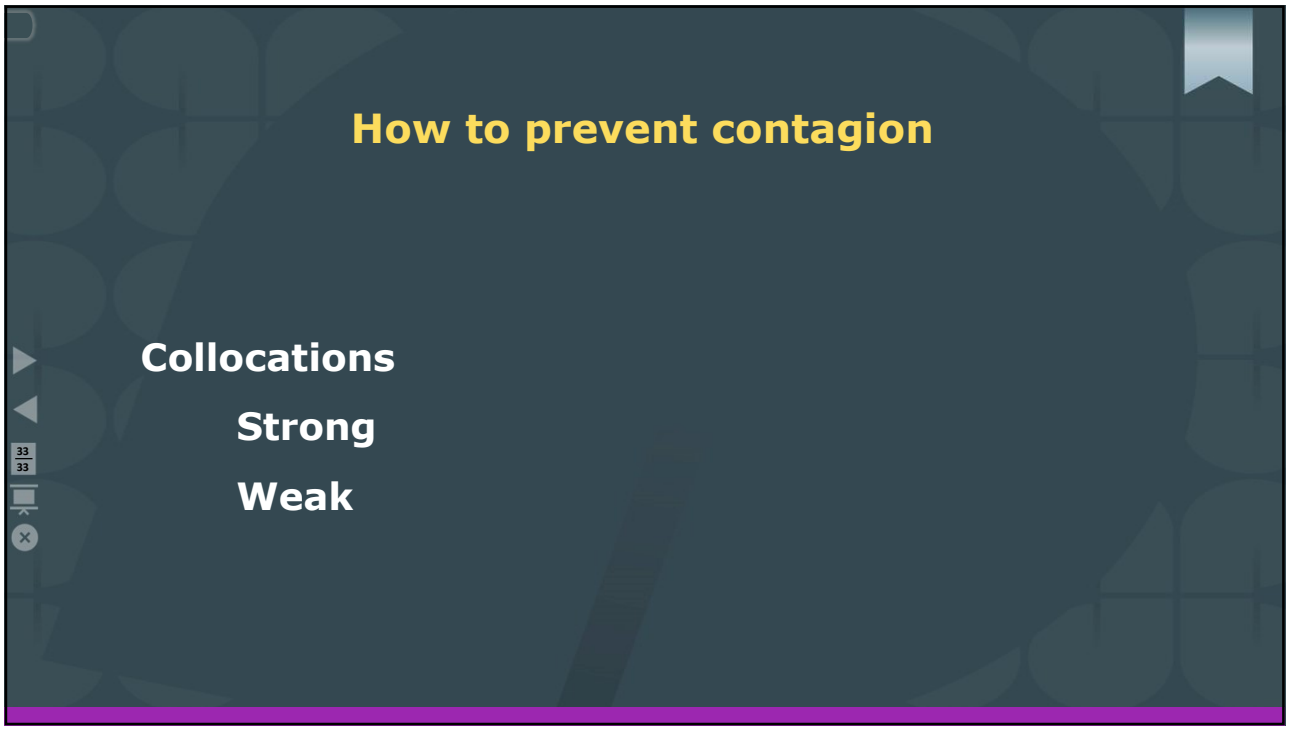



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