

## OTS 4B: PRE-LIVE SESSION TASKS (ENGLISH)

### TASK 1: FIND AN ALTERNATIVE WARMER

**Transform** these direct questions **into more varied activities** that could serve as a warmer and introduce the topic of the lesson in brackets. Use ideas from the video presentation, such as pictures, newspaper headlines, incomplete sentences, Hangman or brainstorming. Be ready to present your ideas in the Live Session.

- Have you ever been on a diet? (FOOD)
- What kind of music do you like? (MUSIC)
- What was your favourite school subject? (EDUCATION)

### TASK 2: MODIFY A PHONE CALL ACTIVITY

Try this Wordwall activity **to modify a phone call role play** in one of your own lessons. Be ready to present how successful the activity was in the Live session.

<https://wordwall.net/cs/resource/58826911/speaking-problems-phone-calls>

### TASK 3: SUGGEST ALTER EGOS

**Prepare two alter egos** for the following communicative activity. Suggest their **names, personality traits** and find a suitable **picture** of them. Be ready to introduce them in the Live Session.

### HAVE YOU EVER...?

- bought or sold something on eBay or a similar site
- lost a credit card or your wallet
- saved for something for a long time
- wasted money on something you've never used
- won any money (e.g. in a lottery)
- lent money to someone who didn't pay you back
- bought something online and then discovered that it was a scam
- been charged too much in a restaurant



## TASK 4: SHORTEN A TEXT

Look at the text called 'How to improve your luck and win the lottery twice (possibly)' on page 88-89 of English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition Intermediate. **Suggest how to shorten this text** for a 1-on-1 lesson with a student who doesn't like long reading and design an activity for **global comprehension** and an activity for **detail comprehension**. Be ready to present your ideas in the Live Session.

# How to improve your **luck** and win the lottery **twice** (possibly)

Richard Wiseman

A British couple have just won £1m in the EuroMillions lottery for a remarkable second time. The chances of this happening are more than 283 billion to one. They are clearly incredibly lucky - but is there anything we can all do to increase the chances of being lucky ourselves?

1 I studied the lives of more than 400 people who considered themselves either very lucky or very unlucky. I asked everyone to keep diaries, complete personality tests, and take part in experiments.

2 Nor are people born lucky or unlucky. Instead, lucky and unlucky people create much of their good and bad luck by the way they think and behave. For example, in one experiment, we asked our volunteers to look through a newspaper and count the number of photographs in it. However, we didn't tell them that we had placed two opportunities in the newspaper. The first was a half-page advert clearly stating, 'STOP COUNTING. THERE ARE 43 PHOTOGRAPHS IN THIS NEWSPAPER.' A second advert later on said, 'TELL THE EXPERIMENTER YOU'VE SEEN THIS AND WIN £150.' The lucky people quickly spotted these opportunities, partly because they tended to be very relaxed. In contrast, the unlucky people focused anxiously on the task of counting the photos and so tended not to see the advertisements. Without realizing it, both groups had created their own good and bad luck.



- Lucky people create and notice opportunities by developing a relaxed attitude to life and being open to change.
- Lucky people tend to listen to their intuition and act quickly. Unlucky people tend to analyse situations too much, and are afraid to act.
- Lucky people are confident that the future will be positive, and this motivates them to try, even when they have little chance of success. Unlucky people are sure that they will fail, and so they often give up before they have begun.
- Lucky people keep going, even when they are likely to fail, and they learn from their mistakes. Unlucky people get depressed by the smallest problem, and think that the problems are their fault, even when they aren't.

I asked a group of 200 volunteers to use the four key principles and to think and behave like a lucky person. The results were remarkable. In a few months, about two-thirds of the group became happier, healthier, and more successful in their careers.

Unfortunately not. Lotteries are purely chance events, and nothing can really influence your chances of success. However, the good news is that being lucky in your personal life and career is far more important than winning the lottery.

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