

## Fortunately - Unfortunately

**Number of players:** Four or more

**Age group:** 8 years and up

**Equipment needed:** None

Indoor    Outdoor



The first player comes up with a simple and short starting statement. The next player says, “Fortunately ...,” followed by a brief positive addition. The player after that responds with, “Unfortunately ...,” adding a brief negative detail. This continues for a predetermined number of rounds. Sentences should be simple, but they can be silly, as long as they make reasonable sense.

*(See example below)*

The game doesn’t necessarily have a winner, unless you want to eliminate players who can’t think of a fortunate, or unfortunate, detail to add, until there’s only one player left.

### **EXAMPLE:**

*I went to my grandma’s house.*

*Fortunately, I didn’t get lost.*

*Unfortunately, my grandma was asleep.*

*Fortunately, I brought my trumpet with me.*

*Unfortunately, grandma doesn’t like being startled.*

*Fortunately, I can run faster than grandma.*

*Unfortunately, I can’t run faster than her mean dog, Rex.*

*Fortunately, I had a hamburger and fries in my pocket.*

*Unfortunately, Rex doesn’t like hamburgers.*

*Fortunately, he does like French fries.*

*Unfortunately, he wanted more fries than I had.*

*Fortunately, I was able to climb up a nearby tree.*

*Unfortunately, there was a beehive in the tree.*

*Fortunately, they saw Rex before they saw me.*

*Unfortunately, Rex pointed to me sitting in the tree.*

*Fortunately, bees don’t understand sign language.*

*Unfortunately, the bees did notice my shiny trumpet.*

*Fortunately, they hated the sound of my trumpet.*