**Fortunately, Unfortunately**

**What it is**: A silly, creative talking activity for two to many players (high level).

**Best for**: Group of 3 to 8ish.

**How to play**: Have all your players sit in a circle, or establish a clear playing order. Then proceed to tell a story, with each person saying one sentence at a time. Here’s the catch: each sentence must start with either “fortunately” or “unfortunately,” always alternating. So here’s how a sample game might go. The first player, Rachel, starts out the story by saying a simple statement of fact, like:

One day I got a new bracelet.

 (The story can be in first person, but it doesn’t have to be.) The next player, Chani, would then add a sentence onto the story, but she has to start the sentence with “unfortunately,” like:

Unfortunately, I lost it.

Then it’s Yocheved's turn, but she has to start a sentence with “fortunately:”

Fortunately, the next day someone returned it to me.

The next player would say an “unfortunately” sentence, like “Unfortunately, the bracelet was bent out of shape, so I couldn't wear it.” As you can imagine, the game usually gets pretty silly, pretty fast. The stories tend to drag on without any clear ending, so just break it up when you want to start a new one. It’s a lot of fun, though, and good for practicing informal speaking. Write your stories down or just tell them out loud; either way, have fun!

Here's something else to think about: if you’re playing with only two people (or any even number), it means the same people will always be saying “unfortunately” or “fortunately” sentences. Which could be boring or could be fun. But you could just switch it up halfway through if you want.

Here’s a sample game:

One day a man was flying on an airplane. Unfortunately, the airplane was out of peanuts. Fortunately, the man was allergic to peanuts and so he was happy about that. Unfortunately, the man was also allergic to chocolate chip cookies, and the airplane *wasn’t* out of those. Fortunately, the man was the pilot, and so he wasn’t offered any of the cookies. Unfortunately, the pilot was so distracted by the conversation about the cookies he was allergic to that he didn’t see the huge thundercloud. Fortunately, the plane’s autopilot took control and did a barrel roll around the thundercloud. Unfortunately…