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Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Define what the supernatural is about.
2. Restate tips to tell apart fact from fiction.
3. Classify vocabularies related to mysteries.
4. Discuss 10 mysteries that have been explained.
5. Employ the use of mixed conditionals; zero and first conditionals in sentences about superstitions.
6. Define idiomatic expressions using context clues.
7. Distinguish the words with the schwa /s/ and /ʃ/ sounds then pronounce words.
What springs to you mind when you hear the word “supernatural”?
The concept of the supernatural encompasses anything that is inexplicable by scientific understanding of the laws of nature but nevertheless argued by believers to exist. Examples include immaterial beings such as angels, gods and spirits, and claimed human abilities like magic, telekinesis and extrasensory perception. Historically supernatural powers have been invoked to explain phenomena as diverse as lightning, seasons and the human senses. The supernatural is featured in paranormal, occult and religious contexts, but can also feature as an explanation in more secular contexts.

Ponder this!

How do people who claim to have the underlined words above show their “talents”?
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Mystery of Crop Circles
Mystery of UFOs
Mystery of The Out of Body Experience
Mystery of Pyramid Power

Mystery of The Belmez Faces
Mystery of The Mayan Prophecy
Mystery of Stonehenge

Mystery of Bigfoot
Mystery of The Loch Ness Monster
Mystery of The Bermuda Triangle

Source: Top 10 Unexplained Mysteries of The World - Explained (world-of-lucid-dreaming.com)
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Answer the questions below.

1. True or False:
   • The first crop circle, recorded in 1966, was discovered by an Australian sugar cane farmer
   • Over the decades, crop circles have evolved to be increasingly complex.
   • Crop circles have always been a mystery.

2. Where and when was the first reported sighting of a UFO?
3. What does the acronym OBE stand for?
4. Explain what the Skeptic's Dictionary enthusiastically points out.
5. Who was responsible for the paintings of faces on the floor?
6. What is the Mayan Prophecy about?
7. Where can the Stonehenge be found and why was it built?
8. How has the Bigfoot been described?

Free Response

LOGICAL EXPLANATIONS: What is it? Do you believe it? Why?

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Supply the correct word/s asked in the parentheses.

**Listening 7.1**  
*Ghosts*

1. Do I (3 words)? Yes, I think I do. I (3 words), but I actually think I lived with one time. It was (4 words) but yeah, I think I do believe in ghosts.
2. I believe that there are (4 words) don't understand and things that perhaps can't be (3 words) – (1 word) – but, no, I don't believe in ghosts.
3. (2 words)! I’m (4 words) of person that only believes in things that I can see or that (5 words) I see a ghost, I won’t (2 words) them.
4. (3 words) I don't believe in ghosts. (1 word) when I go to (2 words) and watch a (2 words), sometimes I do (3 words) by them.
5. I think it was (3 words) who (3 words), so, no, I don’t.
6. (2 words). Yeah, that there's some (2 words) that are (2 words) and scaring everybody, I don't think so. Yeah, some (4 words) believe in ghosts, and I always have to (3 words). Come on. There’s (4 words) ghosts.
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Match the definition with the words/phrases.

1. something that is mysterious and seems impossible to understand completely
2. not openly acknowledged or displayed.
3. kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of.
4. a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact.
5. not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.
6. mysterious or specialized knowledge, language, or information accessible or possessed only by the initiate
7. to attack (someone) by surprise from a hidden place
8. To place in a grave; bury
9. make (someone) feel annoyed, frustrated, or worried, especially with trivial matters.
10. perplex (someone) greatly; bewilder.

A. Bushwhacking
B. Arcanum
C. Enigma
D. Flummox
E. Surreptitious
F. Vex
G. Covert
H. Inhumed
I. Clairvoyant
J. Skeptical
10 Tips for Telling Fact From Fiction

1. Know the Techniques Deceptive People Use
2. Beware the Chain E-Mail/Facebook Alert
3. Conspiracies are Tough to Pull Off
4. Look for Details that Don't Fit
5. Don't Succumb to Pierre Salinger Syndrome
6. Provenance is Proof
7. Rely on Trustworthy Sources
8. Watch for the Big Lie
9. Pay Attention to the Unspoken Message
10. Beware of Cognitive Bias

Source: https://science.howstuffworks.com/science-vs-myth/everyday-myths/10-tips-for-telling-fact-from-fiction.htm
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First Conditional vs Zero Conditional

First Conditional Uses

Real conditions with real results = 100%

- Making plans
- Advice and warnings
- [If + present] + [will]

If you put salt on the doorstep of a house, it will keep evil away.

Zero Conditional Uses

Results always happens when a condition exists = 50%-90%

- General Truths
- General Habits
- [If + present] + [present]

If you heat ice, it melts.

Provide more examples to differentiate the two.
A superstition is a general truth or belief that is based on fear or misunderstanding, rather than facts or knowledge. Many superstitions can be written and said using conditionals. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.

1. If you ______ (break) a mirror, you ______ (have) seven years of bad luck.
2. Your wish ______ (come) true, if you ______ (blow) out the all of the candles on your birthday cake in one breath, 
3. If you ______ (carry) a rabbit’s foot in your pocket, ______ (protect) you from bad spirits. 
4. People only ______ (believe) these if they ______ (be) superstitious. 
5. If anything bad ______ (happen) to me, I just ______ (blame) it on coincidence. 
6. When we _____ (wish) for something good, you _____ (get) it if you knock on wood.
7. Jack _____ (knock) on the wood twice to _____ (reverse) bad luck. 
8. My mom believes that a person who _____ (dream) of numbers _____ (win) the lottery. 
9. My Spanish aunt always _____ (do) the cross sign each time we pass a cemetery to _____ (bless) the gone. 
10. She never _____ (walk) under the ladder to _____ (avoid) having bad luck. 
11. You can _____ (make) a wish if you _____ (see) a shooting star. 
12. Beginner’s luck is the idea that newbies are likely to _____ (win) when they _____ (try) out a sport, game or activity for the first time. 
13. Some believe that if the right palm _____ (itch) you _____ (meet) someone new, while an itchy left palm means that money is coming.
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Use context clues to define each expression.

**BE ANOTHER OF LIFE'S GREAT MYSTERIES**

“What dogs and cats hate each other is another of life's great mysteries.”

**LOOK AS THOUGH (ONE) HAS SEEN A GHOST**

“What's wrong, Daniel? You look as though you've seen a ghost!”

**SUPERNATURAL BEING**

“She is a superstitious woman who believes in ghosts, guardian angels, and other supernatural beings.”

**LAY THE GHOST OF (SOMETHING) TO REST**

"New DNA evidence in the decades-old investigation finally laid the ghost of these accusations to rest for Mr. Jones."

**A MYSTERY TO (ONE)**

“Why she walked out in such a huff this morning is a mystery to me! She was acting normally before that.”

**IN SEVENTH HEAVEN**

“She was in seventh heaven when she received the acceptance letter to medical school.”
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Express Yourself

1. What mystery would you really like to be solved?
2. What makes a person mysterious to you?
3. Do you believe that some numbers, days or dates are lucky or unlucky?
4. What do you think are the best ways to drive bad luck away?
5. What would you probably feel having to encounter the following creatures?
   - grim reaper
   - angel
   - alien
   - mermaid
   - fairy
   - vampire
   - ghost
   - zombie
6. Would you be a good detective in solving mysteries?
7. What makes up a good detective?
8. Have you ever come in contact with a ghost? (or do you know a story in which a person you
   know has experienced)
9. Do you believe in reincarnation? What is the common belief about reincarnation in your
   country?
10. What would you do or how would you react if one of your friends admitted that he/she
    practices witchcraft?
11. Are you familiar with ESP? How can people know what kind of ESP abilities they have?
12. What's the most mysterious event that has happened to you? How did you react to it?
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Read each word and identify which words have the /s/ and /z/ sounds.

shoes → nose → knows → dreams

words → hats → laugh → graphs

sings → gloves → crabs → cliffs

Pronunciation Exercise
The End