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Pete the penguin is in town when he spots his friend Melvin doing something unusual.

‘Melvin,’ says Pete, ‘why are you eating a carrot?’
‘Because I’m out of bananas,’ says Melvin.
‘Why are you out of bananas?’ asks Pete.
‘Because today is my unlucky day,’ says Melvin.
‘Why is it your unlucky day?’ asks Pete.
‘Because it’s always my unlucky day – I am the unluckiest monkey in the world!’







Pete buys a little snack at the fishmongers
and Melvin asks if they have bananas too.

Unsurprisingly, the answer is 'No!'



At the park, some people ask Melvin if they can take a picture of him with their little girl.

Melvin is most alarmed.
'Is it because I look silly?'
'Don't worry,' says Pete,
'they just think you look cute.
I wish someone would ask me!'

But Melvin is not impressed.





'There must be something wrong with me. Everyone is looking at me.'
'Don't be ridiculous,' says Pete.
'They are just happy to see you.'
But Melvin is not convinced.





'This puppy is trying to kill me!' says Melvin.
'Maybe I have a terrible disease that is making me unlucky. I have to go to the doctor!'
'Nonsense, Melvin!' says Pete.





'Hmm,' says the doctor, 'I can't see anything wrong with you. You're luckier than you think!'

