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# SERENDIPITY

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What is serendipity? Probably an artificial word [used by Hugh Walpole 1754](#) in a letter he wrote to his friend Horace Mann

the effect by which one accidentally discovers something fortunate, especially while looking for something else entirely

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Anf course the famous text by [Arthur Kornberg](#), Stanford Medicine 1995 "Of serendipity and science" (that seems to vanished from the internet).