

Responding to news

In this video, Noelia gets good news and bad news. Listen to the language Yuna uses to respond to Noelia's news and practise saying the useful phrases.

Before watching

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Put the phrases (a–h) in the correct group (1–2).

Groups

1. Responding to good news

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2. Responding to bad news

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Phrases

a. I'm really pleased for you.

b. I'm so sorry.

c. Oh dear.

d. Oh no, that's awful.

e. Oh wow! Congratulations!

f. That's wonderful!

g. Well done.

h. What a shame.

Tasks

Task 1

Write a number (1–6) to put the events in the story in order.

_____ Noelia finds out she's won a prize.

_____ Noelia finds out that she hasn't won the award.

_____ Noelia is waiting for an email.

_____ Noelia destroys the magazine in anger.

_____ Yuna tries to make Noelia feel better.

_____ Yuna congratulates Noelia.

Task 2

Match the two parts of the phrases.

First part

1. I can't
2. Congratulations! That's
3. I'm really pleased
4. Oh
5. Oh no, that's
6. Well
7. What a
8. Can I

Second part

- a. awful.
- b. believe it!
- c. dear.
- d. do anything to help?
- e. done!
- f. for you.
- g. shame.
- h. wonderful!

Task 3

Complete the dialogue with the words from the box.

awful	believe	Congratulations	dear
happened	pleased	shame	wonderful

A: Hey! Good news. They liked the presentation!

B: Oh wow! (1).....!

A: Thank you! I was so nervous. I can't (2)..... it!

B: That's (3)..... . Well done. I'm really (4)..... for you.

A: How are you anyway?

B: Not so great, actually.

A: Oh (5)..... . What's (6).....?

B: I didn't get the job.

A: Oh no, that's (7).....!

B: It's OK.

A: I'm so sorry, really. What a (8).....!

B: Thanks. Anyway ... we should celebrate your presentation!

Discussion

Have you had any good news recently?

Transcript

Ana: Hi! I'm Ana. Welcome to *What to Say!*

Do you know what to say when you respond to news? Listen out for useful language for responding to news. Then, we'll practise saying the new phrases – after this.

Noelia: Yes, yes, yes. Ah, I did it!

Yuna: Good news, then?

Noelia: Yes! I won the award!

Yuna: Oh wow! Congratulations!

Noelia: Thank you! It's so exciting. I can't believe it!

Yuna: I know! That's wonderful! Well done, Noelia. I'm really pleased for you.

Noelia: WHAT? You cannot be serious!

Yuna: Oh dear. What's happened?

Noelia: They sent me the wrong email. I didn't win. Someone else won.

Yuna: Oh no, that's awful!

Noelia: Yes. It. Is.

Yuna: I'm so sorry, Noelia. What a shame. Can I do anything to help?

Noelia: Please pass me that magazine. Thanks.

Ana: Hello again! Oh, poor Noelia! That's really disappointing. So, did you notice the useful phrases used for responding to news? Listen to me and then repeat.

Oh wow! Congratulations!

I can't believe it.

That's wonderful!

Well done. I'm really pleased for you.

Oh dear. What's happened?

Oh no, that's awful.

I'm so sorry.

What a shame.

Can I do anything to help?

Ana: Try and use some of these phrases the next time you respond to news in English. Bye for now!

Answers

Preparation task

1. a, e, f, g
2. b, c, d, h

Task 1

2. Noelia finds out she's won a prize.
4. Noelia finds out that she hasn't won the award.
1. Noelia is waiting for an email.
6. Noelia destroys the magazine in anger.
5. Yuna tries to make Noelia feel better.
3. Yuna congratulates Noelia.

Task 2

1. b
2. h
3. f
4. c
5. a
6. e
7. g
8. d

Task 3

1. Congratulations
2. believe
3. wonderful
4. pleased
5. dear
6. happened
7. awful
8. shame