

Showing interest

In this video, Bob tells Noelia about when he broke his leg. Listen to the language Noelia uses to show interest 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–i) in the correct group (1–3).

Groups

1. What to say when you hear good news
.....
2. What to say when you hear bad news
.....
3. What to say when you hear surprising news
.....

Phrases

- a. Really?
- b. That's brilliant!
- c. No way!
- d. Poor you.
- e. How cool!
- f. Oh no!
- g. That's great!
- h. I'm sorry to hear that.
- i. You're joking!

Tasks**Task 1**

Are the sentences true or false?

		Answer	
1. Noelia thinks that the weather in the UK is horrible.	True	False	
2. Bob has always lived in the UK.	True	False	
3. Bob broke his leg in the summer.	True	False	
4. Bob still has problems with his leg today.	True	False	
5. Bob met his wife when he was in the hospital.	True	False	
6. Bob and his wife have been together for 14 years.	True	False	

Task 2

Match the two parts of the phrases.

First part

1. I didn't know that
2. How
3. You're
4. I'm sorry
5. Oh no. Poor
6. No

Second part

- a. to hear that.
- b. joking!
- c. you.
- d. you lived in Canada!
- e. way!
- f. cool!

Task 3

Complete the dialogue.

no	didn't know that	Really	way
you	joking	that's	to hear

A: It's so rainy today.

B: Yes, but the weather was even worse when I was on holiday last week.

A: (1)..... ? I (2)..... you were on holiday last week!

B: We went to the beach but we had a horrible time.

A: Oh (3)..... ! You're (4)..... !

B: I wish I was. The hotel was terrible and the food was really bad.

A: No (5)..... ! I'm sorry (6)..... that. Poor (7)..... .

B: But something good happened. We met some really nice people.

A: Oh, (8)..... great!

B: Yes, I suppose it is!

Discussion

Have you ever broken an arm or a leg? What happened?

Transcript

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

Do you know what to say when you want to show interest? Listen out for useful language for showing interest. Then, we'll practise saying the new phrases – after this.

Noelia: Morning, Bob.

Bob: Oh, good morning.

Noelia: It's so rainy today. The weather in this country is horrible!

Bob: Yes ... yes ... The weather was even worse when I lived in Canada.

Noelia: Oh, I didn't know that you lived in Canada, Bob. How cool!

Bob: One winter it was so cold and windy that I fell on the ice and broke my leg in three places.

Noelia: Oh no! You're joking!

Bob: I wish I was, Noelia, I wish I was. I was never the same after that winter. And my leg is still bad today.

Noelia: Really? I'm sorry to hear that. Poor you.

Bob: But it's not all bad. I met my wife in the hospital. She was the doctor who looked at my leg!

Noelia: No way!

Bob: It was love at first sight!

Noelia: Ah, that's brilliant!

Bob: Yes, and we're still in love 40 years later ...

Noelia: So in the end, breaking your leg was the best thing that could have happened.

Bob: Yes, I suppose it was!

Ana: Hello again! Aww, I love a story with a happy ending! So, did you notice the useful phrases used for showing interest? Listen to me and then repeat.

Oh, I didn't know that you lived in Canada!

How cool!

Oh no, poor you.

You're joking!

Really?

I'm sorry to hear that.

No way!

That's brilliant!

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

Answers

Preparation task

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

Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. False

Task 2

1. d
2. f
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. e

Task 3

1. Really
2. didn't know that
3. no
4. joking
5. way
6. to hear
7. you
8. that's