

Practical English Meeting the parents

reacting to what people say

1 REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

a Circle the correct answers. ONE or TWO answers may be correct.

- 1 A Kate's going travelling for a year!
B What a great idea! / Oh no! / What a pity.
- 2 A I've left my wallet at home again!
B How fantastic! / I don't believe it. / You're kidding.
- 3 A I didn't get the job.
B That's great news! / What a pity. / Never mind.
- 4 A We're getting married!
B How fantastic! / That's great news! / Oh no!
- 5 A Dave's got a new car.
B Never mind. / Really? / What a pity.
- 6 A I've lost my phone.
B Oh no! / How fantastic! / That's great news!

b Complete the chart with the correct phrases from a.

- 1 Reacting to something surprising
I don't believe it!
- 2 Reacting to something interesting

- 3 Reacting to some good news

- 4 Reacting to some bad news

2 HOW + ADJECTIVE, WHAT + NOUN

Complete the phrases with *How* or *What*.

- 1 How interesting!
- 2 _____ a good idea!
- 3 _____ terrible news!
- 4 _____ awful!
- 5 _____ amazing!
- 6 _____ a pity!

3 SOCIAL ENGLISH

Complete the conversations with the phrases from the list.

a-really-nice-guy Go ahead How do you see
How incredible I mean Not really That's because
things like that

- 1 A What do you think of Isabel's new boyfriend?
B He's a really nice guy.
- 2 A _____ your life in ten years' time?
B I think I'll be married and have my own company.
- 3 A I hear you're an excellent swimmer. Would you like to be a professional?
B _____. I don't have enough time to train.
- 4 A I'm sorry. I'm not feeling hungry.
B _____ you ate too much for lunch!
- 5 A You know, I think we went to the same school.
B _____! What a coincidence!
- 6 A Can I have another piece of chicken, please?
B _____. There's more in the kitchen.
- 7 A What sort of books do you read?
B Biographies, historical fiction, _____.
- 8 A Would you like to come to the concert with us?
B No, sorry. _____, I'd love to, but I'm busy.