

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!

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

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

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!