5C How to … give and respond to personal news

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We use these phrases to give good and bad news, and respond to other people's good and bad news.

give good news

Guess what!
I've got some (good/amazing) **news.**
I've got some good news to tell you.
I'm really pleased to tell you …

give bad news

Bad news, I'm afraid.
Unfortunately, …
There's something I need to tell you.

give good or bad news

You won't believe this (but) …
I've got something to tell you.
You know … ? Well, …

respond to good news

Wow, that's (amazing/fantastic/awesome)!
That's (wonderful/great) **news!**
I'm so pleased for you.
I can't believe it. That's great!
Well done!
Congratulations!
That is good news.

respond to bad news

That's (terrible/awful).
I'm really sorry.
What a shame.
I'm sorry to hear that.

PRACTICE

1 **Complete the conversations with the correct words.**

1 A: ¹G_____ what! I'm moving house tomorrow.
B: Really? Wow, that's ²w_____. I'm so ³pl_____ for you.

2 A: Bad news, I'm ⁴a_____.
B: What's the matter?
A: I lost my wallet with more than €200 in cash.
B: Oh no! That's ⁵t_____.

3 A: There's something I ⁶n_____ to tell you.
B: What's that?
A: I'm afraid I crashed the car.
B: Oh that's ⁷a_____. Are you OK?

4 A: I've got some amazing ⁸n_____.
B: What is it?
A: I'm going to have a baby!
B: ⁹C_____! I can't ¹⁰b_____ it! I'm ¹¹s_____ pleased for you!

2 **Put the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the conversations.**

1 A: _____ we're getting married. (this / believe / but / you / won't)
B: Wow. Congratulations! _____! (good / that / news / is)

2 A: I've _____ (something / tell / you / got / to)
B: What is it?
A: _____ my exams. (failed / unfortunately / I)
B: Oh, I'm really sorry. _____. (a / shame / what)

3 A: I'm _____ that you got the job. (to / really / tell / pleased / you)
B: _____! (believe / I / it / can't)

4 A: You passed. Congratulations! Well done!
B: _____! I'm so excited! (amazing / wow / that's)

3 **Complete the conversations with the phrases (a–h).**

a I've got some good news
b I'm really pleased to tell
c You know
d I'm sorry to hear that.
e Well done
f I'm afraid
g Congratulations to them both
h That's wonderful news

1
¹_____ you that your application has been successful.
²_____. Thank you so much.

2
³_____ to tell you. I finally passed my driving test. Third time lucky!
That's wonderful news. ⁴_____!

3
Bad news, ⁵_____. I lost my job this morning.
Oh no. ⁶_____.

4
⁷_____ Gian Carlo?
Yes.
Well, he and his partner got engaged last week.
Oh, that's awesome! ⁸_____.

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