

## 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: 'G..... what! I'm moving house tomorrow.

B: Really? Wow, that's <sup>2</sup>w..... I'm so <sup>3</sup>pl..... for you.

2 A: Bad news, I'm <sup>4</sup>a.....

B: What's the matter?

A: I lost my wallet with more than €200 in cash.

B: Oh no! That's <sup>5</sup>t.....

3 A: There's something I <sup>6</sup>n..... to tell you.

B: What's that?

A: I'm afraid I crashed the car.

B: Oh that's <sup>7</sup>a..... Are you OK?

4 A: I've got some amazing <sup>8</sup>n.....

B: What is it?

A: I'm going to have a baby!

B: <sup>9</sup>C.....! I can't <sup>10</sup>b..... it! I'm <sup>11</sup>s..... 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

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<sup>1</sup>..... you that your application has been successful.

<sup>2</sup>..... Thank you so much.

2

<sup>3</sup>..... to tell you. I finally passed my driving test. Third time lucky!

That's wonderful news. <sup>4</sup>.....!

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Bad news, <sup>5</sup>..... I lost my job this morning.

Oh no. <sup>6</sup>.....

4

<sup>7</sup>..... Gian Carlo?

Yes.

Well, he and his partner got engaged last week.

Oh, that's awesome! <sup>8</sup>.....