

More words you need...



- ▶ **Cool** (informal) used to say that you agree to something that has been arranged or are happy about something
- ▶ **Of course** used to say 'yes' in a polite way when someone asks for something
- ▶ **Sure** used to say 'yes' in a way that is slightly more informal when someone asks for something
- ▶ **Wow!** used to show that you are very surprised, usually in a good way
- ▶ **Really?** used to show that you are surprised at what someone has said
- ▶ **That's fantastic/great/terrible, etc.** } used to show how you feel about what someone has just said
- ▶ **How exciting/terrible, etc.** }
- ▶ **Oh no!** used when you suddenly understand that something bad has happened
- ▶ **What a nuisance!** } used to show that you are disappointed about something or feel disappointed for someone else
- ▶ **What a shame!** }
- ▶ **Poor you!** used to be kind when someone says they have a small problem, such as a slight illness or too much work
- ▶ **Oh well** used to say that a problem is not serious

of course



Do not use **of course** to accept an offer as this use can sound rude.

- ▶ **A:** *Would you like some coffee?*
- ▶ **B:** *Of course! Yes, please.*

Exercise 2

Match the statements (1–6) with the best responses (a–f).

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| 1 He was only 22 when he died. | a That's fantastic. Well done! |
| 2 Hey, I passed my English exam! | b Really? Do you believe her? |
| 3 Could you give this to Sam when you see him next, please? | c Oh well, you can speak to him tomorrow. |
| 4 She told me she earns a hundred thousand dollars. | d Oh poor you! |
| 5 It's a bit late to call Hussein now. | e How terrible. |
| 6 I woke up with a headache. | f Of course – no problem. |

Exercise 3

Complete the dialogues. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. Listen and check.

Holly: This is my new dress, Melissa. What do you think?

Melissa: ¹ Wow ! You look amazing. Are you wearing it to Ian's party?

Holly: Yes. What time are you going to the party, by the way?

Melissa: About eight o'clock. Shall we go together?

Holly: ² _____ ! I'll call for you at 7.45.

Hannah: ³ _____ ! I've just realized I've left the key to my apartment at school.

Linda: Oh, what a ⁴ _____ !

Hannah: Do you think I could come to your place this afternoon till my mum gets home?

Linda: ⁵ _____ – no problem.

Use the words you've learned...

Practise telling someone a piece of news, then practise responding to someone else's news.