You're kidding!

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Giving surprising news and reacting with surprise

Read the conversation. Which expressions give surprising news? Which expressions react with surprise? Practice the conversation with your partner and then switch.

A [1] **I had a real surprise** this morning. I was getting on the bus, and someone shouted my name. So I turned around. And [2] **you'll never guess** who was standing behind me.

B Who?

A An old school friend from Seoul.

B [3] **Are you serious**?

A Yeah. I haven't seen her for a long time. She didn't even know I was studying here.

B [4] **You're kidding**! What's she doing in Seattle?

A Well, [5] **you're not going to believe this**. She's studying here, too.

B That's incredible!

A I know. [6] **I can't believe it**.

B So, who was more surprised? You or her?

A I'm not sure. We were both pretty shocked. And so was the bus driver! He couldn't understand why we were so excited!

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Put the conversation in the correct order (1–5). Then practice the conversation with a partner.

____ **You're kidding**! I remember you looked everywhere for it! Where was it?

____ **Are you serious?** I wonder how it got there.

____ **You'll never guess what I found yesterday.** My car key! Remember? I lost it last year.

____ **You're not going to believe this.** It was in that little flower pot in my living room.

____ I have no clue! But at least I found it!