Functions: Good and Bad News

Learn how to:

- 1. give good and bad news
- 2. respond to good news
- 3. respond to bad news

Giving news

There are different ways to give news:

GIVING GOOD AND BAD NEWS

- I'm really pleased to tell you...
- I've got a bit of good news to tell you..
- I've got some good / brilliant / great / wonderful / splendid news for you...
- You know what! I've got a bit of great news for you...
- Great news for you...
- I'm afraid I've got some bad news for you...
- I'm sorry I've got a bit of bad news to tell you..
- I really don't know how to say it, but ...
- I'm sorry to have to say this, but ...
- I really feel bad to have to say this, but ..

Responding to news

RESPONDING TO GOOD NEW

- Wow, that sounds exciting!
- That's great!
- How fantastic!
- What fantasticgood / brilliant / great / wonderful / splendid news!
- That's good / brilliant / great / wonderful / splendid news!
- That sounds like great news!
- Congratulations!
- That's wonderful / fantastic!
- I'm glad to hear that!
- Great news!
- Incredible!
- Superb!
- Sounds great!
- Lucky you!
- Oh, how wonderful!
- I can't believe that!
- Wow! That sounds exciting!

RESPONDING TO BAD NEWS

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- I'm awfully sorry that...
- I'm sorry to hear that..
- I'm sorry to hear such terrible news
- My goodness!
- I can't believe it!
- Poor you!
- I do sympathize with you.
- Please, accept my deepest sympathy.
- I know how you must be feeling.
- That must be awful
- Oh, dear!
- Too bad!
- That's awful / a pity / unfortunate.

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