

THEY REACT TO NEWS

When someone shares good or bad news with you, responding appropriately is key to building meaningful relationships. This skill shows empathy and helps you connect with others in English.

Here are some phrases you can use when responding to both good and bad news.

Function	Responses to Good News 🎉	Responses to Bad News 😞
Asking a Question 🤔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When did you hear about it? - So what happens next? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When did you hear about it? - So what happened? - What are you going to do?
Adding a Comment 💬	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulations! That's amazing! - Well done! - I really hope it all goes well. - Good luck with everything. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oh no! I'm sorry to hear that. - How awful/ terrible! - You poor thing! - What a shame! - I hope you get well soon. - I hope things get better soon. - Seriously? What a pain!
Guessing How the Person Feels 🧠	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I bet you're really excited/ delighted/ proud. - You sound like you've made up your mind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I bet you're really annoyed. - I bet he's had enough by now.

	- You sound excited/ delighted/ proud	- You sound sad/ tired/ frustrated
	- You must feel excited/ delighted/ proud	- You must feel sad/ tired/ frustrated

👉 **Tip:** Use these phrases naturally in your conversations to sound more fluent!

MODEL: DIALOGUE EXAMPLE Let's see how these phrases work in a real conversation.

Example Dialogue 1

Maria: *I got the job I interviewed for last week!*

Tom: *That's amazing! Congratulations! So what happens next?*

Maria: *I start next Monday!*

Tom: *I bet you're so excited!*

Example Dialogue 2

Lisa: *I had a flat tire on my way to work this morning.*

Jake: *Oh no! I'm sorry to hear that. When did it happen?*

Lisa: *It was right after I left home.*

Jake: *You poor thing!*

These examples show how you can combine questions, comments, and guesses to keep a conversation going.

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