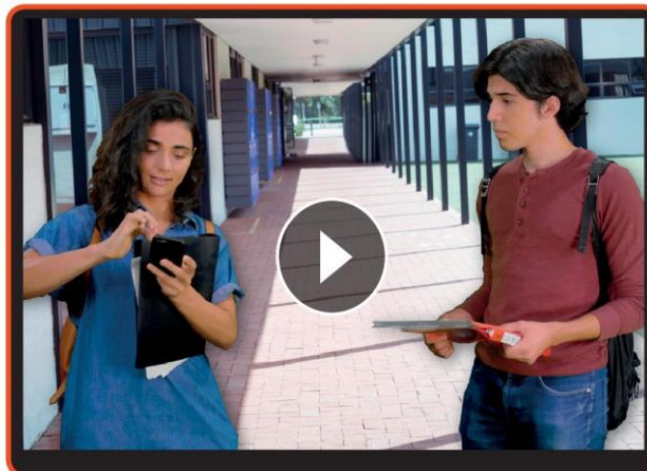


Responding to news

1 Think back Think about the last time someone gave you some news. How did you respond?

Speaking strategy

When responding to people's news, we can use a number of phrases, such as *That's great!* and *That's good news.* When we react positively, the intonation tends to rise, e.g., *That's great!* When we show concern or sympathy, e.g., *I'm sorry to hear that,* the intonation tends to fall.



2 039 **Watch, listen, or read** What news has Isela received?

Zac	Hi, Isela. What's up? You look worried.	Isela	About four or five months. But my dad doesn't really get along with him.
Isela	I just got a text from my mom.	Zac	Oh. I'm sorry to hear that. So where are they going to stay when they come here?
Zac	What's the matter?	Isela	In Manhattan. My mom's booked a hotel. She wants me to stay with them next weekend.
Isela	Oh, it's nothing serious. She's coming to visit next month.	Zac	So that's good news!
Zac	That's great! You must be really happy.	Isela	I suppose it is. I'm just sad about the whole situation.
Isela	I am. But she's bringing her new partner with her—Enrico.	Zac	Can I do anything? Do you want to talk about it?
Zac	Oh. Don't you like him?	Isela	Thanks, Zac. Maybe after class. We're going to be late for Math.
Isela	It isn't that. I've only met him a few times.		
Zac	How long have they been together?		

3 Pairwork Practice the dialogue in exercise 2.

4 040 **Real English** Complete the phrases from the dialogue. Then listen, check, and repeat.

Asking about the situation

What's ?
You (worried / happy).

What's the ?

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That's (/ terrible)!

You be really (happy / upset).

Oh. I'm (happy / sorry) to that.

So that's (good / bad) !

Can I do ?
Do you want to about it?



Beat the clock

How many adjectives of feeling can you remember in three minutes? Add them to the mind map below.



5 Write responses to these pieces of news. Use a different adjective for each sentence.

- 1 I've just won a trip to Mexico in a competition!
That's _____! You must be really _____.
- 2 Someone stole my bike.
That's _____! You must be really _____.
- 3 I got 100% on the Math test!
That's _____! You must be really _____.
- 4 I just broke up with my girlfriend.
That's _____! You must be really _____.

6 Pairwork Practice a similar dialogue to the one in exercise 2. Choose one of these situations.

- a Your friend looks happy. They've just played in a sports game and his/her team won.
- b Your friend looks annoyed. Someone copied their homework and got a better grade for it.
- c Your friend looks upset. Their pet died yesterday.

Hey, Gaia! What's up? You look really happy!

My team just ...

Link it!

a How could you respond to the following statements? Which of them could you respond both positively and negatively to?

My train is three hours late!

1

I just won \$20!

2

My family are moving to Spain.

3

I just colored my hair blue.

4

b Pairwork Tell your partner some news. Respond to their news using phrases from *Real English*.

