

SHOWING SURPRISE AND INTEREST

A2-B1 | Functional language for reacting naturally

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to show surprise, interest, or friendly attention.

Really?

Really? That is interesting.

Wow!

Wow! That is amazing.

That is great!

That is great news!

No way!

No way! I can't believe it.

How interesting!

How interesting! Tell me more.

What happened?

What happened next?

Did you?

Did you really?

That sounds ...

That sounds exciting.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one natural reaction for each situation. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. Your friend says they met a famous actor.

2. A classmate says they won a competition.

3. Your colleague says they are moving to another country.

4. A friend says they saw an unusual animal.

5. Someone says they are learning a new language.

6. Your friend says they had a problem on holiday.

7. A classmate says they cooked dinner for ten people.

8. A friend says they are going skydiving this weekend.

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Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. Really? Which actor did you meet?

2. Wow! That is amazing. Congratulations.

3. That is great! Which country are you moving to?

4. No way! What animal did you see?

5. How interesting! Which language are you learning?

6. What happened on your holiday?

7. Did you really cook for ten people?

8. That sounds exciting. I hope you enjoy it.
