

Good news or bad news, which do you want first?

1. Watch a short [video](https://youtu.be/vsLH70BrnnM) [https://youtu.be/vsLH70BrnnM] showing a boss giving some news to his employees. Then, discuss the questions below.

- What news did the boss give his employees?
- Why was his way of giving the bad news inappropriate? How could he have done it better?
- When was the last time you had to give good or bad news? What happened?
- Why can it be difficult to give good or bad news to people?

GUTTING

very disappointing or
upsetting

EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

used for saying that
there is usually a good
aspect of a bad situation

2. Complete the gaps with the words in the box.

afraid for know pleased news regret
sorry unfortunately way what

- a) I'm I have some bad news. I was fired.
- b) I am to say that the project has been cancelled.
- c) I to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful.
- d) We appreciate the opportunity to read your article, but it will not be published.
- e) There is no easy to say this, but we will be closing our London division.
- f) You what? I got the job!
- g) Guess ? We got engaged!
- h) We're to tell you that you have been nominated for Employee of the Year.
- i) I have some great newsyou. You've been promoted to senior manager.
- j) Good! I passed my final exam and got an A.

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3. Read the sentences from the previous exercise again and react to them by choosing appropriate reactions from the list below.

- Congrats!
- Congratulations!
- What a shame!
- That's amazing! Thank you!
- Oh, I'm so sorry.
- It's a pity that...
- I'm so sorry to hear that.
- I can't believe it.
- That sounds fantastic!
- What great news!

4. Complete the dialogues with your own ideas and the language you've learnt.

a) A: We regret to inform you that you have not passed your driving licence exam.

B:

b) A:

B: That's amazing! Thank you!

c) A: I'm afraid I have some bad news. Our flight to Barcelona has been cancelled.

B:

d) A: You look really excited! What happened?

B: I have some great news! I got an email from Google and they want to hire me!

A:

e) A:

B: I'm so sorry to hear that.

5. Work in pairs. You're going to get a card with a role to play. Read your card and prepare to have a conversation with your partner.

