

Conversational reactions sentence completion activities

Take turns reading out true things from below and reacting to what your partner says (including follow-up questions and/ or comments, including comparing to your own experience if you like). Continue that conversation for as long as you like, then switch and do the same with other true statements for you below.

- For breakfast/ lunch/ dinner, I had...
- For my birthday,...
- I (have) had real problems with...
- I bought a new...
- I find... to be (really/ too)...
- I found...
- I got married.../ I'm getting married...
- I heard a funny story about.../ I saw a funny video...
- I know most people... but I...
- I lost...
- I quit...
- I was expecting... but unfortunately...
- I won.../ I passed.../ I was awarded for.../ I was praised for...
- I'm (really/ a little) worried about/ nervous about...
- I'm a great fan of...
- I'm finally going to...
- I'm going to change my...
- I'm going to travel to...
- I've lost touch with...
- My parents...
- My team couldn't...

Use any phrases below that you didn't before to react to what your partner said earlier:

- Are you serious (about...)?
- Better luck (with...) next time.
- Congrat(ulation)s (on...)
- Don't worry, I'm sure... will...
- Good for you (for...)
- Good luck (with...)
- How disappointing (that...)
- How funny (that...)
- How wonderful (that...)
- I don't believe it/ that...
- I don't blame you (for...)
- I envy you (for...)/ I'm green with envy (about...)
- I feel for you (about...)
- It's about time too (that...)!
- I... too.
- I'm glad to hear that (...)
- I'm so excited for you (that...)
- I'm so happy (about...)
- I'm sorry to hear that (...)
- Take care (when you....)
- Well done/ Good job (for...)
- What a coincidence (that...)
- What a nice surprise (that...)
- What a stroke of luck (that...)
- You must be really looking forward to...
- You must be very proud (of/ that...)
- You must feel really disappointed (by/ that...)
- You're not kidding (about...)
- That/ ... doesn't surprise me.
- That/ ... is (just) too bad.
- That/ ... is a (real) shame (for...).
- That/ ... is a good choice.
- That/ ... is a relief/ must be a relief.
- That/ ... is bad luck.
- That/ ... is good news.
- That/ ... is such a coincidence.
- That/ ... is (absolutely) hilarious.
- (That/ ...) makes sense (to me).
- That/ ... must be really inconvenient/ must have been a right pain!
- That/ ... sounds awful/ sounds like a nightmare.
- That/ ... sounds great/ sounds lovely.
- That/ ... surprises me.
- What a pity (that...)

Optional: Write one suitable response for each kind of statement above, using as many different reactions as you can.

Without looking above, write one word in each gap below to make suitable conversational responses for each kind of statement.

- For lunch, I had... – Lucky you!/ _____ sounds great./ Rather you than me!
- For my birthday,... – That _____ lovely!/ _____ wonderful!/ _____ a nice surprise!
- I (have) had real problems with... – That sounds awful./ I feel _____ you./ You don't surprise me./ That doesn't surprise _____./ What a nightmare!/ That sounds like a nightmare.
- I bought a new... – You didn't!/ I envy _____./ It's nice to... (isn't it?)
- I find... to be (really/ too)... – Right./ Sure./ No kidding!/ You're _____ kidding!/ Me too./ So do I./ Oh yes, I would feel that way too (if...)
- I found... – That's good _____./ Wow! I _____ believe it!/ What _____ coincidence!/ What a _____ of luck!/ That must be _____ relief./ I'm glad to _____ that.
- I got married/ I'm getting married... – Congrat(_____)s./ Wow!/ I'm _____ happy for you.
- I heard a funny story about.../ I saw a funny video... – No way!/ That's (_____) hilarious!/ _____ funny!
- I know most people... but I... – Really?/ Oh?/ You surprise me./ Sure.
- I lost... – No way!/ Oh no!/ I'm sorry to _____ that./ That must be really inconvenient./ That must _____ been a right pain!
- I quit... – (That) _____ sense./ _____ don't blame you./ _____ you serious?/ For real?/ Good _____ you!/ It's _____ time too!
- I was expecting... but unfortunately... – That's _____ (real) shame./ That's bad _____./ _____ disappointing./ You _____ feel really disappointed.
- I won.../ I passed.../ I was awarded for.../ I was praised for... – You're kidding!/ _____ done./ Good job!/ Congrats!/ You must _____ very proud.
- I'm (really/ a little) worried about/ nervous about... – _____ worry, I'm sure it will be fine.
- I'm a great fan of... – Really?/ That's _____ a coincidence. I ... too.
- I'm finally going to... – I'm so excited _____ you./ You must be really _____ forward to it.
- I'm going to change my... – _____ luck (with that)!/ That's a _____ choice.
- I'm going to travel to... – _____ care./ I'm sure you'll have a great time./ I'm _____ with envy./ Gosh, that sounds so exciting!
- I've lost touch with... – _____ a pity!/ That's (just) _____ bad.
- My parents... – Did they?/ Did they really?/ They didn't!/ Good for them.
- My team couldn't... – That's bad news./ I know that feeling./ Oh well. You win some you lose some./ Never mind./ Better luck _____ time.

Check above.