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| **Expressing reaction to something** |
| Positive Reaction | Negative reaction |
| Elementary |
| That’s (so) good! | That’s (so) sad! |
| I’m happy to hear about that. | I’m sorry to hear about that. |
| That’s great! | That’s bad. |
| Intermediate |
| That sounds good. | That sounds bad. |
| I’m glad to hear that. | I’m sorry to hear that. |
| How wonderful/fantastic. | How awful/terrible. |
| That’s awesome! (informal) | That’s awful. |
| What wonderful news! | What a pity! |
| Great/Superb/Brilliant! | Too bad! |
| Advanced |
| Really? That’s amazing! | Really? I find that hard to believe |
| Lucky you! | How unlucky! |
| Well, congratulations! | You have my commiserations. |
| That must be great! | That must be awful |
| I’m really pleased for you! | I do sympathise with you. |