

# Everyday English

## Making the right noises

1 Look at the photo. Why do you think they are laughing?

2 Look at the words in the charts. They are all possible responses in conversation. What do they express? Write in the correct heading.

- Agreement
- Sympathy
- Pleasure
- Surprise



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How fantastic!    Lovely!	Absolutely.    Definitely.
That's great!    Brilliant!	Of course.    Fair enough.
Congratulations!	Fine.    OK.
Good for you!	

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That's amazing!    You didn't!	That's a shame.    Oh dear.
You're kidding!    Really?	That's too bad.    Bad luck.
You did what?    Did you?	How awful!    What a pity!

3 **1.10** The stress and intonation in phrases like these are often quite exaggerated. Listen and repeat them with a wide voice range.

4 **1.11** Listen to the conversation and complete B's responses. Practise with a partner. What other responses from 2 are suitable?

- A My grandfather hasn't been too well lately.  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- A He's 79, but he's always on the go. Don't you think at his age he should slow down a bit?  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- A But he won't listen to me. He says he wants to enjoy his life to the full.  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- A Last summer, he went on a two-week cycling holiday in France.  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- A We're going to give him a big party for his 80th birthday.  
B \_\_\_\_\_
- A But before that I'm going to have a word with him and tell him to take things easy.  
B \_\_\_\_\_

5 Read the lines of conversation. Write in a suitable response. There are sometimes several possibilities. Then practise the conversations with a partner.

- A I just had a weekend in Paris with my boyfriend.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (surprise)    \_\_\_\_\_ (pleasure)
- A Will Spaghetti Bolognese be OK for dinner?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (agreement)    \_\_\_\_\_ (pleasure)
- A My flight was cancelled because of a pilots' strike.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (sympathy)    \_\_\_\_\_ (sympathy)
- A I failed my driving test again.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (surprise)    \_\_\_\_\_ (sympathy)
- A We're expecting a baby!  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (surprise)    \_\_\_\_\_ (pleasure)
- A So you think I should get a new job?  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (agreement)
- A I told him I never wanted to see him again.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ (surprise)    \_\_\_\_\_ (sympathy)

**1.12** Listen and compare your answers.

- 6 These are B's further comments. Match them with the lines 1-7.
- Better luck next time.
  - When is it due?
  - It's time to move on.
  - I always thought the two of you were so good together.
  - Will you get your money back?
  - It's one of my favourites.
  - What was the weather like?

**1.13** Listen, check and compare. Practise the conversations again.

7 Work with a partner. Have a conversation about a good or bad day you have had recently. React as you listen and talk.

Last Sunday was the worst day of my life!

Oh dear. What happened?

Well, ...

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