GOOD WAYS TO GIVE BAD NEWS

In 30 seconds, answer the following questions:
✓ Have you ever heard the question: “I have good news and bad news. Which would you like to hear first?”
✓ If yes, what is your answer to the question?
Topic: Good ways to give bad news

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

• Remember at least 6 related words
• Create simple sentences about the topic
• Have a conversation about the topic
• Avoid some common grammar and pronunciation mistakes
Let’s start!

Express your opinion about the following statement in 60 seconds.

“No one loves the messenger who brings bad news.”
— Sophocles, Antigone —

Suggestions:
✓ I agree/ disagree with the statement because ....
✓ I think the statement is right/ wrong.
Vocabulary

Pair Work: Student A reads one definition in column A.
Student B guesses the word in column B and uses it to make a sentence.

A

a. to give a speech, talk, etc. or other official statement
b. admiration felt or shown for someone or something that you believe has good ideas or qualities
c. positive and enthusiastic; making you feel that the future will be good
d. a period of time when somebody/something has to wait because of a problem that makes something slow or late
e. saying what you think openly and honestly; not hiding your thoughts.
f. an event, a piece of news, etc. that is unexpected or that happens suddenly.

B

1. Candid (adj) /ˈkændɪd/
2. Surprise (n) /sərˈpraɪz/
3. Deliver (v) /drɪˈlivər/
4. Respect (n) /rɪˈspekt/
5. Upbeat (adj) /ʌˈpbiːt/
6. Delay (n) /drɪˈleɪ/

Example: I have a surprise for you!
Grammar

**STRUCTURE:**
It is failure + to + V (inf.) + O.

Make a sentence about good ways to give bad news using the given structure. Example: It is failure to give bad news as a surprise.

**Suggestions:** Delay, no respect, not being upbeat, etc.
Conversation

Pair work: Choose a role and act it out with your partner in 180 seconds.

**Student A:** You are going to deliver bad news to your friend about his exam. You do not know how to give bad news. Talk to your teacher to solve your problem.

**Student B:** You are student A’s teacher. Give your student some advice on how to give bad news.

**Suggestions:**
- It is better to + V ...........
- You should/ shouldn’t + V ...........
- Focus on the upbeat things, treat other people with respect, present solutions, etc.
# Common mistakes

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Assessment

Here are some comments on your performance

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Feel free to ask if you have any questions!
Wrap-up

✓ Words related to Good ways to give bad news.
✓ It is failure + to + V (inf.) + O.
✓ Have a conversation about Good ways to give bad news.

Please do your homework in the downloadable outline from the website!
# Homework
Complete your mission and find more in related lessons.

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