How to …

react to someone’s good news

Quiz

For each question choose the one correct answer.

1:  A: I’m pregnant!
    B: __________
    a: How, really?
    b: Wow, really?
    c: Cow, really?

2:  A: We’re engaged!
    B: __________
    a: That fantastic news!
    b: That fantastic!
    c: Fantastic!

3:  We’re so excited ____ you!
    a: at
    b: to
    c: for

4:  Dear Mark, ___________!
    a: Congratulations for to get your new job
    b: Congratulations for your new job
    c: Congratulations on getting your new job

5:  Dear Claire, ____________.
    a: We’re delighted hearing about your news
    b: We’re delighted to hear about your news
    c: We’re delighted for your news

6:  A. I’ve won the lottery!
    B. __________
    a: No! Do you?
    b: No! Won you?
    c: No! Have you?
ANSWERS

For each question choose the one correct answer.

1: A: I’m pregnant!
   B: __________
   a: How, really?
   Wrong – What informal word expresses surprise and pleasure?
   b: Wow, really?
   Correct – This is an informal way to express surprise and pleasure
   c: Cow, really?
   Wrong – This is very rude! What informal word expresses surprise and pleasure?

2: A: We’re engaged!
   B: __________
   a: That fantastic news!
   Wrong – ‘That’s fantastic news’ would be correct – but there’s no verb here
   b: That fantastic!
   Wrong – ‘That’s fantastic’ would be correct – but there’s no verb here
   c: Fantastic!
   Correct – We can use some very positive adjectives like ‘fantastic’ by themselves

3: We’re so excited ____ you!
   a: at
   Wrong – You need a different preposition here
   b: to
   Wrong – You need a different preposition here
   c: for
   Correct – This is a good way to show you are sharing someone’s excitement

4: Dear Mark, ____________ !
   a: Congratulations for to get your new job
   Wrong – We don’t use ‘for’ or the infinitive with ‘congratulations’
   b: Congratulations for your new job
   Wrong – We don’t use ‘for’ with ‘congratulations’
   c: Congratulations on getting your new job
   Correct – You can use ‘on’ and the ‘-ing’ form of a verb with ‘congratulations’
5: Dear Claire, ____________.
a: We’re delighted hearing about your news
   Wrong – You need an infinitive after ‘delighted’
b: We’re delighted to hear about your news
   Correct – This is a polite way to show you are happy for someone
c: We’re delighted for your news
   Wrong – You can say ‘We’re delighted for you’ – but you need another verb here

6: A. I’ve won the lottery!
   B. __________
   a: No! Do you?
      Wrong – The verb tense should agree with the initial statement
   b: No! Won you?
      Wrong – Use the helping verb to make questions in the present perfect
   c: No! Have you?
      Correct – This is a very natural way to react to a surprise