

Everyday English Showing interest and surprise

- 1 3.11 Listen to the conversation. Write in B's answers.
How does she show interest and surprise?

A Jade's got a new boyfriend.
B _____? Good for her!
A Apparently, he lives in a castle.
B _____? How amazing!
A Yes. She met him in Slovenia.
B _____? That's interesting.
A Unfortunately, he can't speak much English.
B _____? Well, as long as he
can say 'I love you'!



- 2 B uses **echo questions** and **reply questions**. Which are which? Practise the conversation with a partner.

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A Sam wants to apologize.
B _____? Why?
A Well, he's broken your
mother's Chinese vase.
B _____? Oh, no!



A We had a terrible holiday.
B _____?
A Yes. It rained all the time.
B _____? How awful!
A Yes. And the food was disgusting!
B _____? What a disaster!



A I'm broke.
B _____? How come?
A Well, I had a £500 vet's bill for my dog.
B _____? Poor Ziggy. What happened?
A He was attacked by another dog in the park.
B _____? Where was the owner?



A It took me three hours to get here.
B _____? But it's only ten miles.
A Yes, but there was a huge traffic jam on the motorway.
B _____? That's awful!
A We didn't move at all for two hours.
B _____? I bet you were really fed up.



A I'm on a mountain, watching the sun set.
B _____? How lovely.
A It is. And I've got something to ask you.
B _____? Is it important?
A Yes, you see ... I'd like to marry you.
B _____? Wow! How romantic.

- 3.12 Listen and compare. Practise them with your partner.

- 4 Write a surprising sentence about yourself. Read it aloud to the class.
Other students respond using an echo or a reply question.

I have 30 cousins!

Do you?

30? How come?

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