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Preface

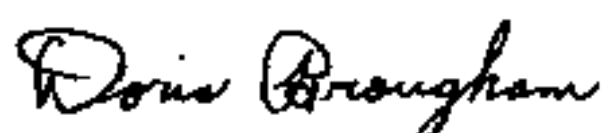
Have you ever had feelings that you didn't know how to express? Or maybe you struggled to find an appropriate way to let people know what you think. Often you face situations in which you must very carefully choose your words. Maybe a friend's mother has died and you want to express your sympathy. Or you must talk to a co-worker about her poor job performance. Or you just spilled hot soup on your boyfriend's jacket at dinner and you want to apologize.

Do you know what to say in these situations? Saying the wrong thing at the wrong time can lead to misunderstandings. Worse yet, you may sound rude

or uncaring. In this book, you'll learn how to express yourself in dozens of difficult situations. You'll learn the special words and phrases that English speakers use to apologize, change plans, express opinions, criticize, show excitement and more.

So don't let yourself be misunderstood. Turn the page and learn how to express yourself! In my opinion... it's a great way to improve your English!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris Brougham".

Doris Brougham

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Get all Excited!

Some people never get excited about anything. You know the kind. If they won a million dollars, they would only say, "So what?" Most of us aren't like that. Whenever something great happens to us, we get excited. Whenever we believe an idea is good, we are *enthusiastic* about it. But sometimes when we try to express our enthusiasm, we get tongue-tied. How can we untie our tongues?

One way is to use exciting adjectives. Each of these adjectives bubbles over with enthusiasm:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> magnificent | <input type="checkbox"/> amazing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> superb | <input type="checkbox"/> incredible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fantastic | <input type="checkbox"/> great |
| <input type="checkbox"/> outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> wonderful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> unbelievable |

We don't expect wonderful events to happen to us every day. Then when something great does happen, we can't believe it. We might use the following expressions to show our excitement:

- ☐ That's something!
- ☐ Can you believe it?
- ☐ How about that!
- ☐ You don't mean it!
- ☐ This is almost too wonderful!
- ☐ This is too good to be true!
- ☐ *Pinch me*, this must be a dream!

Conversation 1

Anne: Hey! What are you smiling about?

Elise: I just became a published author!

Anne: You? How?

Elise: You know how I like to write stories? Well, I sent in some of my stories to Rainbow Magazine. They want to publish them!

Anne: They want to publish them? Are you serious?

Elise: Yes!

Anne: That's fantastic!

Elise: I can hardly believe that such a wonderful magazine offered to publish my stories! And what's more, they want me to become a regular writer for them!

Anne: Really? You do have a good reason to smile!

Elise: Yeah! This is too good to be true!

When we are excited, we like other people to share our excitement. Likewise, we should show our enthusiasm for others' good fortune:

- ☐ What?!
- ☐ You're *kidding*!
- ☐ Really?!
- ☐ All right!
- ☐ Fantastic!
- ☐ I'm so happy for you!
- ☐ You must be thrilled!
- ☐ That's wonderful!
- ☐ You have a right to be happy!

It is also important to be enthusiastic when you are trying to sell something. Maybe you are trying to sell a product to a customer. You might just be trying to sell an idea to a friend. Try using one of these phrases:

- ☐ This is the chance of a lifetime!
- ☐ This kind of offer doesn't happen every day.
- ☐ Opportunity only knocks once.
- ☐ This is an amazing product!
- ☐ If I were you, I'd do it.
- ☐ This really is a great idea!
- ☐ This will do so much for you!

Conversation 2

- Bert: Ernie, listen to me carefully. Your investment in my new electric chopsticks company will make you a rich man.
- Ernie: I don't know. I'm just not convinced it's a wise idea.
- Bert: What are you worried about? If I were you, I'd do it.
- Ernie: But what if it doesn't work out?

Bert: It's bound to work out. What could go wrong? This is a great opportunity to make money. You're lucky to have a chance to be in on it.

Ernie: OK, you convinced me. I'll invest my New Year's bonus in your company. When does your business open?

Bert: First I have to get a lot more people to invest. You're the first one.

Activities

1. Pretend you are a salesman, and your friend is a customer. Try to convince your friend to buy your product.

2. Think of something exciting you would like to happen to you. Decide how you would express your excitement if it really happened. Then act out the situation with a friend.
3. Memorize a few of the key phrases in this article. Then use them when your friends talk about an exciting event. Make it an opportunity to have an English conversation.

WORD BANK

enthusiastic (adj) [ɪn,θ(j)ʊzɪˈæstɪk]

热衷的

pinch (v) [pɪntʃ]

捏; 挟

kid (v) [kɪd]

欺骗(尤指开玩笑)