

IELTS DAILY. A PIECE OF GOOD NEWS. TRANSCRIPT

Describe a time when you received good news. You should say:

What the news was?

When did you hear it?

How the news affected you?

So the news that I received that I thought was really good was when I was told that I was given a lecturing position at my current job. I got this news about four and a half years ago, so I'm still working there. I still teach there. It's been a really good experience. Obviously, I've received the news probably a few days after going through a very gruelling and rigorous interview process where I had to go in and answer questions from four people who were sitting across from me, grilling me with very difficult questions. And you know, walking out of that interview, I didn't feel too good about the interview, you never do. If you think back to taking an exam, like even the IELTS, sometimes you don't feel like you did very well, but I ended up doing very well and they called me up on the phone a few days later and told me that I had the position and obviously, I think it was really good news because you know, anytime you get a new job or are able to start your career off, it feels, it feels wonderful. It feels like you've accomplished something and that you've succeeded. So that's probably something that was really good news that had happened to me.

What does gruelling mean? Very difficult. Something is gruelling, it's difficult to achieve.

You said that some people grilled you. They were grilling me. What does that mean? Well, they didn't put me on a barbecue. They were asking me very difficult questions. So, if someone is asking questions, you know, one after the other, towards you, we would say that you are being grilled or you are they are grilling you.

You said that you it felt like you'd accomplished something. Could you think of a synonym of accomplished? I achieved something or I succeeded at something.

VOCABULARY

accomplished (verb) - to succeed in doing or completing something

grilling (noun) - a period of being questioned closely about your ideas, actions, etc.

gruelling (adjective) - very difficult and making you very tired, needing great effort for a long time

rigorous (adjective) - done carefully and with a lot of attention to detail