

Star Talk Fix-Up Answer Key

Sample Responses

Corrected Interview:

Nova: Thank you! I feel bad because I've worked on this project for two years, and it means a lot to me.

Nova: I recorded some songs late at night, so my voice sounded bad at first. But I decided to keep that raw energy.

Nova: Oh yes! I danced badly during one video shoot and tripped over a speaker. My director felt bad for me.

Nova: I just want them to know that even when things go bad, you can still make something beautiful.

Question Responses:

- a. Using **badly** when describing feelings makes Nova sound unsure or awkward, while using **bad** makes her tone natural and confident.
- b. "I feel bad because I've worked on this project for two years" sounds most natural.
- c. Incorrect grammar can make the speaker sound less polished or change the emotional tone of their message.

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips:

- Provide a quick mini-lesson on linking vs. action verbs before reading the interview.
- For struggling learners, highlight all verbs first to help identify which form fits.
- Advanced learners can analyze how word choice affects professionalism and audience perception.

Extension Activities:

- Students write a reflection paragraph about how grammar affects reputation and credibility in public speaking.
- Connect to media literacy: analyze real interview transcripts to spot adjective/adverb precision in professional communication.