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to **prepare for your**
Cambridge English Exam?



PHRASES TO EXPRESS LACK OF SURPRISE

I THOUGHT AS MUCH

I thought as much is used to say that you are not surprised by what someone has said or done:

- 'Andy failed his driving test.' 'I **thought as much** when I saw his face.'
- 'Dave and Susan have split up.' 'I **thought as much**.'
- 'I came to ask you a favour.' "I **thought as much**."

(JUST) AS I THOUGHT

(Just) as I thought is used to express that what you thought was true is proved to be true.

- **Just as I thought**, the door is locked.
- **Just as I thought**—Sean forgot to pick up the cake.

SEE SOMETHING COMING

to realize that something is going to happen before it happens

- No one else had expected the factory to close, but we **saw it coming**.
- 'Myerson and his team **saw the problem coming** quite a few years ago and prepared for it in advance.'

NOT TO BE SURPRISED

having the feeling that you get when something expected happens

- John: All of the better-looking ones sold out right away. Jane: **I'm not surprised**.
- I **was not surprised** to hear that Harry had failed his driving test.
- **I'm not surprised** he shouted at you! How would you like to be pushed into a wall?

PHRASES WITH WONDER

It's little wonder (that).. / (it's) no wonder (that)... / Is it any wonder (that)...?

used to say that you are not surprised by something

- Her car isn't working, so **it's little wonder** she hasn't come to visit you recently.
- **No wonder** you're still single—you never go out!
- With her attitude, **is it any wonder** she has so few friends?