

come as a ... to someone

used to describe the effect that something has when people first learn about it.

come as a

bolt from the blue

bombshell

blow

delight

disappointment

relief

revelation

shock

surprise

to someone

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Examples:

- Her letter of resignation **came as a shock** to everyone.
- It came **as a surprise to** me that John was gay.
- It came **as no surprise to me** that he won.
- This news has **come as a disappointment to** local business leaders.
- The decision **came as a great relief to** us all.
- The announcement of job losses **came as an absolute bombshell to** everybody.