

## Interjections Exercises

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An interjection is a word that expresses some kind of emotion. It can be used as filler. Interjections do not have a grammatical function in the sentence and are not related to the other parts of the sentence. If an interjection is omitted, the sentence still makes sense. It can stand alone.

- Ouch! That hurts
- Well, I need a break.
- Wow! What a beautiful dress!

When you are expressing a strong emotion, use an exclamation mark (!). A comma (,) can be used for a weaker emotion.

Interjections do the following:

1. Express a feeling—wow, gee, oops, darn, geez, oh:

- Oops, I'm sorry. That was my mistake.
- Geez! Do I need to do it again?
- Oh, I didn't know that.

2. Say yes or no—yes, no, nope:

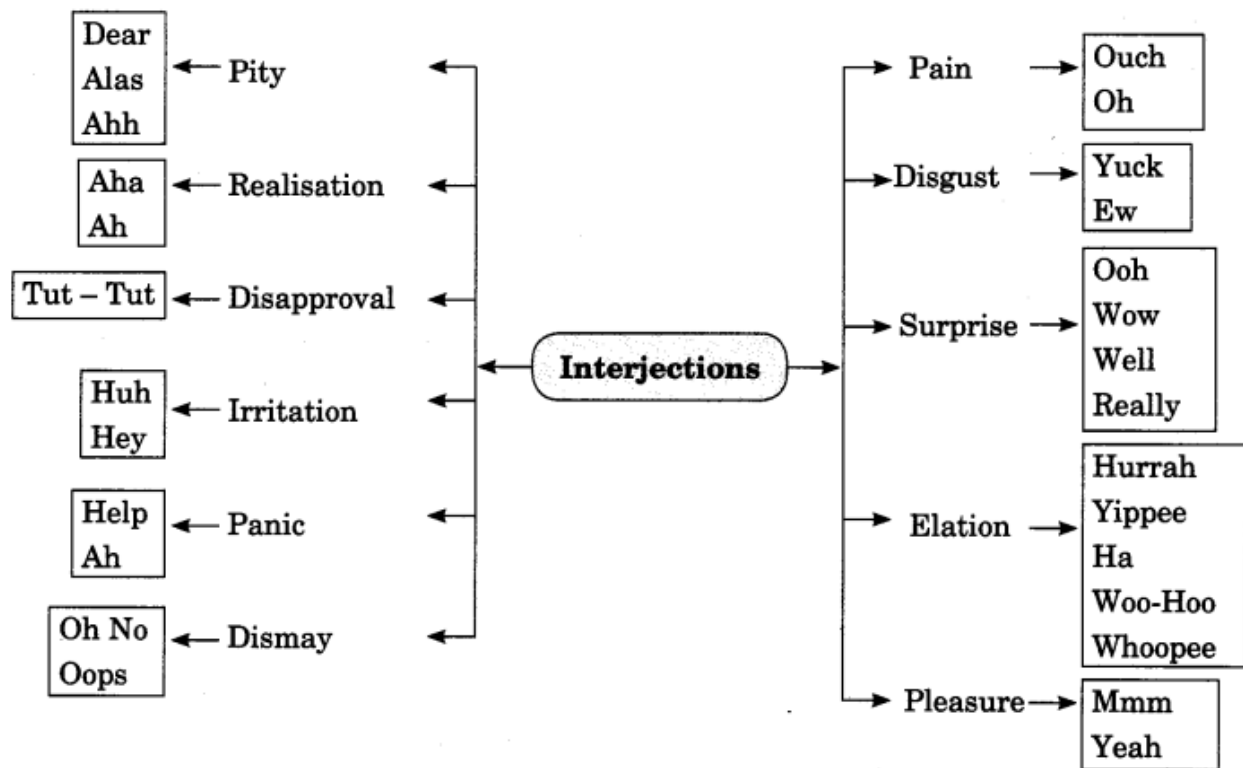
- Yes! I will do it!
- No, I am not going to go there.
- Nope. That's not what I want.

3. Call attention—yo, hey:

- Yo, will you throw the ball back?
- Hey, I just wanted to talk to you about the previous incident.

4. Indicate a pause—well, um, hmm:

- Well, what I meant nothing like that.
- Um, here is our proposal.
- Hmm. You really need to be on a diet.



## Rules of Interjections

While using interjections, we must keep in mind some very simple rules.

### They are as follows:

1. We just add an interjection as an extra factor of strength to a sentence, without making any grammatical changes. This is to ensure that the latter can stand grammatical correct on its own, even if the added interjection is removed.
2. Interjections do not always have to be at the beginning of a sentence. They can appear in the middle, at the end, or anyplace else where the subject wants to interject a feeling and emotion.
3. In some cases, an interjection can be followed by a comma instead of the exclamation mark. This usually happens when the emotion to be expressed by the interjection is milder in nature.
4. In some cases, an interjection can be followed by a question mark instead of the exclamation marks. This happens when the interjection is added to an interrogative sentence which parents a question or expects a response.
5. Interjections can find their way into fictional or artistic writing. Most often in the form of dialogue.

### Question 1.

Make sentences using the following interjections.

(i) Hurrah!

(ii) Wow!

(iii) Oops!

(iv) Alas,

(v) Hey!

Answer:

(i) Hurrah! I am selected.

(ii) Alas! Somebody.

(iii) Wow! This place is really very pleasing.

(iv) Hey! Look at this. Its so nice.

(v) Oops! I broke your bracelet.

## Question 2.

Identify the interjection and underline it.

(i) Hmm, I'm not sure this colour is perfect for my dress.

(ii) Uh Oh! The police has caught him.

(iii) I guess that's the end of the series, darn.

(iv) Hello! How do you do?

(v) Of course! I'll make all the arrangements for your birthday.

(vi) Well, I never!

(vii) Ouch! It's paining badly.

(viii) Alas! She's dead now.

(ix) Oh, it's been around a month since I saw him.

(x) Bingo! That's exactly what we have been searching for!

**Answer:**

(i) Hmm – Expressing doubt

(ii) Uh Oh! – Showing dismay

(iii) darn – Expressing disappointment

(iv) Expressing greeting

(v) Hello! – Expressing commitment

(vi) Of course – Expressing surprise

(vii) Ouch! – Expressing pain

(viii) Alas! – Expressing pity/sorrow

(ix) Oh – Expressing pain/disappointment

(x) Bingo! – Acknowledging something as right.

1. In the sentences below, identify the interjections.

(i) Oops! Trina finally arrived on time but forgot to bring her lucky blue pen.

(ii) Did you hear that prof? O'Bannon canceled class? Yippee! Now we are free for the afternoon.

(iii) Blech! Tell the chef that we will not eat brown lettuce with slimy tomatoes.

(iv) The python escaped his small cage again, and the cat has disappeared. Uh–oh.

(v) Ha! You have broccoli in your teeth! Now I know that you ate my Chinese leftovers.

(vi) They essay will just fit on my last two blank sheets of paper. Whew!

- (vii) Yo, dude, the sandwich is mine, so you need to return my lunch now!
- (viii) We alone earned high scores on the notoriously difficult first exam in chemistry.  
Booyah!
- (ix) Eek! A large snake just slithered across the driveway and into our garage.
- (x) Identical twins look alike? Duh! Give us information that we do not already know!

2. Directions for the interjection worksheet: In the following sentences, write an appropriate interjection in the space provided.

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_, why didn't you hold the door for me?
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, I'm so happy that you decided to visit this summer.
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ it's not every day that you see a dog riding a skateboard.
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_! How can you possibly agree with that point of view?
- (v) He just cost us the game with that error, \_\_\_\_\_. You just gave me a great idea.
- (vii) \_\_\_\_\_, that's a very large dog at the end of that leash.
- (viii) I can't believe that I finally got an A on a project, \_\_\_\_\_!
- (ix) \_\_\_\_\_, my favorite author is doing a reading at the local library.
- (x) This is my first new car, \_\_\_\_\_.