

The Interjection

14h. An *interjection* expresses emotion and has no grammatical relation to the rest of the sentence.

An interjection is often set off from the rest of the sentence by an exclamation point or a comma. An exclamation point indicates strong emotion. A comma indicates mild emotion.

EXAMPLES **Wow!** We won!

Oh my, I'm sorry that I'm late.

EXERCISE Underline the interjections in the following sentences.

Example 1. Why, I'm amazed to see so many fans here today!

1. Hooray! Daria saw Halley's comet on the wrap-around screen at the science theater.
2. Hey, have you visited the memorial to the Japanese Americans of World War II?
3. Tomorrow we have an algebra test, and—yikes!—I still need to study!
4. Grace thinks that we will be, oh, only fifteen or twenty minutes late.
5. Yay! Construction has begun for the National Museum of the American Indian.
6. Wow! October 1, 1999, was the fiftieth anniversary of the People's Republic of China.
7. "After trimming trees and planting shrubs all day, am I tired! Whew!" Onita said.
8. Ouch! I stubbed my toe on the curb!
9. Say, I enjoyed visiting the birthplace of Margaret Mitchell, who wrote *Gone With the Wind*.
10. Ah! That swim in the pool was quite refreshing.
11. Oops! I didn't mean to type an *l* instead of an *I*.
12. Yikes! The lid on that antique ceramic jar is very delicate.
13. Sh. The baby is sleeping in the other room, and I don't want to wake her.
14. My, what a beautiful apartment you have!
15. Now, where do you think they keep the soup bowls?
16. Where in the world could my wallet be? Aha! I found it!
17. Psst. When do you think this movie will end?
18. Oh, what a wonderful way to spend a holiday!
19. Well, I believe I'll call Monica tonight.
20. Ahem. Can I have your attention, please?