

A guide to interjections

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English is a beautiful language with grammar at its core. Today, we will learn about interjections. When you meet a friend after a long time you tend to share many things with them. During your conversation, you may use expressions such as, “Wow! That’s a great news” or “Alas!” Do you know what are these expressions called? They are called interjections. The words used to express strong feelings or sudden emotions.



You can find these interjections at the start of a sentence which is generally followed by a comma or an exclamation mark. A comma is used for a mild interjection while an exclamation mark is used to show a sudden display of surprise, or emotion. Sometimes, introductory expressions like yes, no and indeed are also considered as interjections.

Example:

1. Indeed, this is not the first time that the trains are late.
2. Yes, I did it purposefully.
3. No, please don’t do that.

Don’t forgot that some interjections such as phew, ah, mmmm are sounds. Following is the list of interjection with its meaning and example.

Interjection	Meaning	example
ah	expressing pleasure	Ah, that feels good.
dear	expressing pity	Oh dear! Did it hurt?

hello
hey
hi

expressing greeting
calling attention
expressing greeting

Hello Mona. How are you today?
Hey! Look at that!
Hi! What's up?

hmm
uh
uh-huh
um, umm

expressing hesitation, doubt or
disagreement
expressing surprise
expressing hesitation
expressing agreement
expressing hesitation

Oh my! You are finally here!
Oh my! You are finally here!
Uh...I don't know what to say.
Shall we go? / Uh-huh.
That means you are coming. Umm...

Interjections are an excellent way of expressing an emotion, but be careful and avoid overusing them. Learn the appropriate use of interjections by joining an [online English class](#).

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