

COMMON INTERJECTIONS WHILE SPEAKING

AH: Ah, I don't know about that!

AHA: Aha! I figured it out!

AW: Aw, do I have to go too?

AWW: Aww, this is amazing!

BOO-HOO: That makes me cry.

BOY (boy oh boy): Oh boy, oh boy. That's so hard!

BRRR: Brr! Minus 7 degrees? Yuk.

DUH: Well, duh. I can't believe you didn't know about that...

EH: Eh? When? Is she alright?

HEIGH-HO: Heigh-ho! How are you?

HEY: Hey! Look over there!

HI: Hi! What's up?

HIP, HIP, HOORAY: Hip, hip hooray! We won! That's awesome!

HMM: Hmm. Let me think about this.

HO-HO-HO: Ho-ho-ho, Merry Christmas!

HOWDY: Howdy, what's new?

HUH: Huh. I have no idea.

ICK: Ick! How gross!

KABOOM: Kaboom! It blew up!

LORDY: Oh lordy, lordy, look who's 30!

MAMA MIA: Mama mia, let me think before giving you an answer.

MAN: Man, that's so true!

MY: My! I never thought I could do it!

OH (oh dear, oh my gosh, oh my goodness, oh no, oh well...): Oh! That's creepy!

OK: OK, that sounds great!

OUCH: Ouch! That hurts!

OW: Ow! That hurts!

POOF: Poof, it just disappeared.

SHH: Shh! Quiet! There's an exam going on!

WOW: Wow! I love it!

YIPPEE: Yippie! That's exciting!

YUMMY: Yummy! I love vanilla ice-cream!



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What are they?

- Interjections are codified perceivable signals, sound sequences in the speech modality
- Interjections can be paraphrased by entire sentences:
 - “Ouch!” - “I am feeling pain”
 - “Hey!” - “I’m asking you to pay attention”
- They show up more frequently in spoken English than in writing
- They are more often used in informal language than in formal writing or speech
- They have been regarded as:
 - mere sounds
 - pragmatic noises
 - response cries
 - reaction signals
 - sentence openers
 - exclamations
 - emotional language





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Why are interjections important?

- because they express a wide variety of emotions such as excitement, joy, surprise, or disgust...

“This film is about witches”

“Eww! This film is about witches”

The “eww” conveys an emotional response to what is said in the sentence.

How do You Punctuate Interjections?

- Interjections convey different emotions, so there are different ways to punctuate them.

The exclamation point is the most used punctuation mark for interjections



- It is used to communicate strong emotions (surprise, excitement, anger, etc)

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What are the different types of Interjections?

- Adjectives

“Nice! You studied hard!”

“Good! Now we can move on.”

- Nouns or noun phrases

“Congratulations, you had a good mark.”

“Hello! How are you?”

“Holy cow! I forgot his birthday!”

- Short clauses

“Oh, just do it!”

“Hey! Stop messing!”

- Sounds

“Ugh! I hate that!”

“Whew! That is awful!”

“Oh! I believe that isn't possible!”

