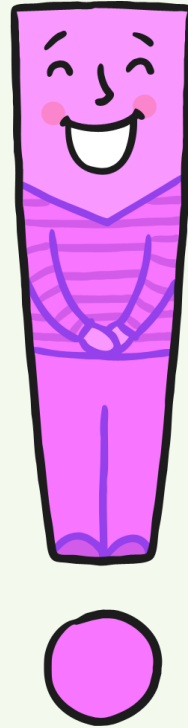




What an Exclamation!

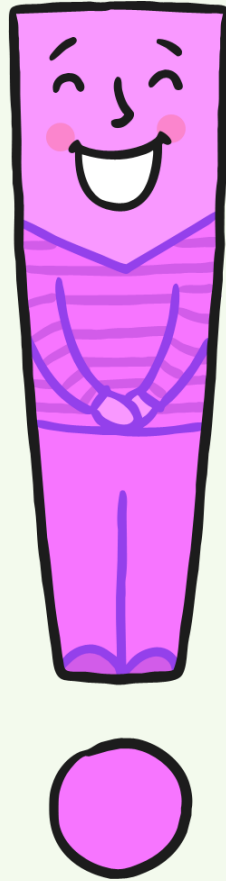


This is an exclamation mark.



You can use it in a few ways...

Use exclamation marks to:



- show surprise;
- add emphasis;
- show strength;
- show shouting.

So, what is an exclamation sentence?

An exclamation sentence is used when someone is surprised. It always starts with 'How' or 'What' and contains a **verb** and a **noun**.

What a
great footballer you
are!

How kind you are!



You can have exclamations that aren't sentences.

These still start with 'How' or 'What' but have no **verb**.

What fun!

How lovely!



But what about the other ways of using the exclamation mark?



Use it for a command.

Go away!

Eat your tea!

Be quiet!

Come here!

Sit Down!

It makes it sound like someone is shouting.

Use it for surprise or excitement.

Oops!

Wow!

I love it!

Summer holidays!

Brilliant!

Compare these sentences.

Without an !	With an !
I love your hair.	I love your hair!
How funny you are.	How funny you are!
What a lovely pie that is.	What a lovely pie that is!
Thank you very much for coming.	Thank you very much for coming!
We are going on holiday.	We are going on holiday!

Discuss: What's the difference?

Success Criteria

- Exclamation sentences- use a verb, a noun and start the sentence with 'what' or 'how'
- Use them to show emphasis, surprise, strength or shouting
- Understand when they should be used

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown skin, wearing a green hijab and a blue and white striped shirt. She is sitting and writing in a spiral notebook with a red pen. Above her head is a large, white, cloud-shaped thought bubble containing the text "So...what do we know?". Two smaller white circles lead from the bottom of the thought bubble down towards the girl's head.

So...what do we know?

An exclamation mark can:



- be used for an exclamation phrase starting with 'How' or 'What';
- be used in a exclamation sentence that starts with 'How' or 'What' **and** contains a verb and a noun;
- be used in other ways to show surprise, emphasis, strength or shouting.

Have a go: Question or Exclamation?

1. what a good treat to see you here
2. Do you have many pets
3. how annoying to be inside when it's sunny.