

List of interjections

An interjection is a word or phrase that expresses a sudden emotion. Interjections are used to exclaim, protest or react. They can stand by themselves. They may also appear within larger structures.

Hurrah! We've won!

Alas, she's dead now.

Mild interjections are usually set off from the rest of the sentence with a comma. More powerful interjections are followed by an exclamation mark.

Here is a list of common interjections in English.

Ah

This expression can express ideas such as pleasure and surprise.

Ah! It feels good.

Ah! I've passed.

Alas

This word expresses pity or grief.

Alas, we've lost.

Eh

The word eh has several meanings. It can be used to ask for repetition or to make an enquiry.

'I'm going.' 'Eh?' 'I said I'm going.'

'What do you think of my new hairstyle, eh?'

'Eh' can also express surprise.

'I've won.' 'Eh! Really?'

Hey

This word is mainly used to call attention.

'Hey! Where are you going?'

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Hi

This is a word used to greet people.

'Hi John. How're you?'

Hmm

This word expresses doubt or hesitation.

'Hmm. Let's me see.'

Oh

This word expresses surprise.

'Oh! You both know each other.'

'Oh' can also express pain.

'Oh! I've got a bad headache.'

Ouch

This word mainly expresses pain.

'Ouch! That hurts really badly!'

Well

This word is commonly used to introduce a remark.

'Well, how did he react?'

'Well, we are not exactly interested in this.'