

18.2 Interjections • Practice 1

Using Interjections An interjection expresses feeling or emotion and functions independently of a sentence. It is set off from the rest of the sentence with an exclamation mark or a comma.

EXPRESSING EMOTION WITH INTERJECTIONS	
Emotion	Interjection
Surprise	<i>Gee</i> , I never expected to see you today.
Joy	<i>Hurray!</i> We won.
Pain	<i>Ouch</i> , I hurt my finger.
Impatience	<i>Darn</i> , I missed my train.
Hesitation	We, <i>uh</i> , think you're wrong.

Exercise 1 **Recognizing Interjections.** Underline the interjection in each sentence. In the space provided, write which emotion the interjection conveys.

EXAMPLE: Wow! I never expected a fur coat. surprise

- Hey! Keep your hands off that camera. _____
- "Goodness," exclaimed Grandmother. "I never expected to see you all today." _____
- Darn, Alice is late again. _____
- Gee, I won a prize in the lottery. _____
- Uh, I'm afraid I've forgotten your name. _____

Exercise 2 **Using Interjections in Sentences.** Use the following interjections with commas or exclamation marks in sentences of your own.

EXAMPLE: hey
Hey, watch where you are parking!

- whew _____
- oh _____
- ouch _____
- ugh _____
- hurray _____
- wow _____
- goodness _____
- darn _____
- well _____
- golly _____

18.2 Interjections • Practice 2

Exercise 1 **Recognizing Interjections.** Rewrite each of the following sentences, using an appropriate interjection in place of the feeling shown in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: (Anger) I wanted to watch the football game.
Darn! I wanted to watch the football game.

1. (Surprise) I never expected this.

2. (Impatience) We have to catch the train.

3. (Dislike) I don't like that hat at all.

4. (Pain) I caught my finger in the door.

5. (Joy) We're all thrilled you came.

6. (Annoyance) Please get this cat away from me.

7. (Anger) I've told you not to do that.

8. (Relief) I thought that lecture would never end.

9. (Joy) I'm so glad to see you.

10. (Surprise) I thought you'd forgotten my birthday.

Writing Application **Using Interjections in Sentences.** Use the following interjections with commas or exclamation marks in sentences of your own.

EXAMPLE: uh My excuse is, uh, not what you might expect.

1. ouch _____
2. gee _____
3. oh _____
4. goodness _____
5. whew _____
6. wow _____
7. darn _____
8. ah _____
9. ugh _____
10. hey _____