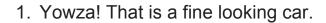
WHAT IS AN INTERJECTION?

Interjections are used to convey emotion in an abrupt and exclamatory way. They express meaning or feeling in a word or two.

See if you can identify the interjections in the sentences below:





- 2. Hurray! It is a snow day and school is canceled.
- 3. It is so exciting, my goodness, I just can't believe it.
- 4. Joe was late to school and, yikes, the teacher was mad.
- 5. Oh! I can't believe how nice you look.
- 6. Well, gee, that sure is a kind thing to say.
- 7. Boo! I scared you.
- 8. Whoops, I dropped the milk and it spilled.
- 9. Yay, it is finally Friday and the workweek is over.
- 10. Oh well, all good things must come to an end.



Answer Key

Here are the answers to the 10 questions above.

- 1. "Yowza" is the interjection here. It is expressing the emotion of being quite impressed with the car.
- 2. "Hurray" is the interjection, clearly expressing happiness.
- 3. "My goodness" is the interjection here, expressing excitement.
- 4. "Yikes" is the interjection here, expressing a cause for concern.
- 5. "Oh," the interjection, acts as a classic interjection as a standalone sentence. It is offset by its exclamation point.
- 6. Here, we have two interjections: "well" and "gee." They express a bashful pause, like the speaker is at a loss for words.
- 7. "Boo" is the rather obvious (and scary) interjection in this sentence.
- 8. "Whoops" is the interjection used to express the error.
- 9. "Yay" is another interjection that expresses the emotion of happiness, just as "hurray" did in sentence #2.
- 10. "Oh well" is the emotional interjection here, indicating a tinge of resignation.

