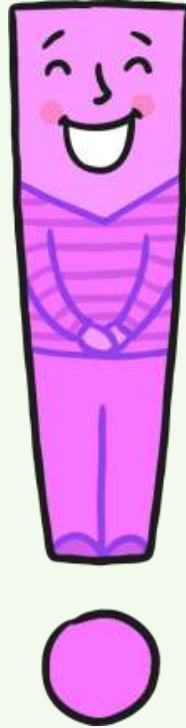




What an Exclamation!



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?

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.

