Interjections!

Interjections are words or phrases that are used to express emotion.

\* An interjection is separated from the rest of the sentence by an

 exclamation point (!), a comma (,) or an ellipses (...).

Interjections can express a feeling:

Wow Gee Golly Oops Dang Grr Aw Uh oh

Interjections can say yes or no:

Yes No Yep Nah Uh-huh Huh-uh

Interjections can call attention:

Yo Hey Woah Yoo-hoo Hello

Interjections can indicate a pause:

Well Um Uh Hm Ah So

Interjections can be all alone

Interjections can be their own sentence when they express a really strong feeling.

Wow! That color looks great on you.

Aha! I have it all figured out.

Why do interjections matter in writing?

Interjections can make your writing seem more real...particularly in dialogue in narratives or essays.

Notice the emotions conveyed by these interjections:

"Grr, I could just smack her."

"Hm...I'm not sure."

"Oops! I forgot to turn the stove off."

"Some of my classmates...ahem...are a lot less mature than others."

Adding Interjections

On your note sheet, write down an interjection that could be added to the sentence to convey the emotion in parentheses.

I burnt my hand. (pain)

I guess I can do that. (fearful)

I will not let you leave. (defiance)

We both passed our tests! (excitement)

We have a problem. (dread)