

# *The Exclamatory Sentence*

*A sentence that expresses strong feelings by making an exclamation.*





*Here are some examples:*

**No, you cannot dye  
the dog's hair!  
(anger)**



*I don't want to go to Grandma's house!*  
*(frustration)*



*I scored three goals at the  
soccer game! (happiness)*



*I can't find the peanut  
butter! (confusion)*



*I love you! (love)*



*We're going to  
Hawaii! (elation)*

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*We have won!  
(Excitement)*



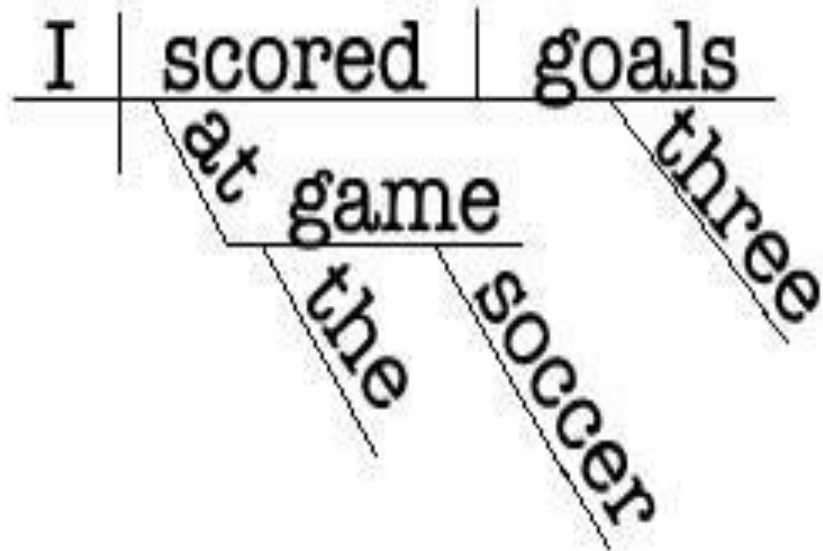
*Wow, what a sight!  
(Surprise)*





## Diagramming Exclamations

*I scored three goals at the soccer game!*



The word *not* is always an *adverb*. It is never part of the verb. When diagramming a contraction (such as *can't*), you must separate the two words since one is a verb (*can*) and one is an adverb (*not*). Check it out:

*I can't find the peanut butter!*

I | can find | butter  
| not | the | peanut

**I love you!**

I | love | you

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*Rule Number One: If the noun in your sentence is plural, the correct choice is what, not how.*

*“What exceptional children these are!” is correct.*

*“How exceptional children these are!” is incorrect.*

*What is acceptable with singular nouns as well.*

*“What an exceptional child this is!”*

*Rule Number Two: When punctuating an exclamatory sentence, the exclamation mark should be at the sentence end, not in the middle of the sentence.*

*“Fantastic, we closed the deal!” is correct.*

*“Fantastic! we closed the deal.” is incorrect.*



Read each question and pick an appropriate exclamatory sentence to follow it. Write at least five more exclamatory sentences of your own. Read a book and write down as many exclamatory sentences as you can find.

**Q 1:** A storm is approaching.

A) My family is on a vacation.

B) Would you like to drink lemonade?

C) You must evacuate this village immediately!

**Q 2:** Look at my new printer.

A) It can also print in color

B) How fast it prints!

C) Do you know how to use it?

**Q 3:** There is a fallen electric wire on the street.

A) Drive around it.

B) Do you know if it is live?

C) Do not touch it!

**Q 4:** When I grow up, I would like to be a doctor.

A) Doctors save lives!

B) It takes hard work to become a doctor.

C) Do you know how much money doctors make?

**Q 5:** I saw Olympics on T.V. yesterday.

A) What a great job the Team U.S.A did!

B) Team U.S.A. won many medals.

C) Do you know who won the most gold medals?

**Q 6:** I have a bad tooth

A) Do you know what happens if you don't brush your teeth regularly?

B) It hurts!

C) I need medication.

*Change an imperative sentence into an interrogative sentence*

*Stop talking. (imperative)*

*Will you stop talking? (interrogative)*

*Shut the door. (imperative)*

*Will you shut the door? (interrogative)*

*Please, get me a glass of water. (imperative)*

*Will you, please, get me a glass of water? (interrogative)*

*Get out of here. (imperative)*

*Will you get out of here or not? (interrogative)*