

Prepositions & Interjections

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Interjections

WOW! Yikes! Ow!

If you've ever said one of those words, you've said an interjection.

An interjection is a word you put in between sentences or thoughts to express a sudden feeling.

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There isn't really a rule about where to place the interjection. You can use it before or after the sentence.

Interjections normally have an exclamation point because they are demonstrating excitement, but it's not totally necessary.

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-Interjections in a Sentence-

It is possible to have an interjection in the middle of a sentence.

I may not make the team, but, **hey**, at least I tried.

It will only take two hours (**Wow!**) to fly to Florida.

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-Interjections in a Sentence-

If you do put it in the middle of a sentence, make sure you set it apart with commas or inside parenthesis.

Incorrect: **Gee** I wish I went with you.

Correct: **Gee**, I wish I went with you.

Incorrect: I forgot to walk the dog **oops** but he didn't pee in the house.

Correct: I forgot to walk the dog (**oops**), but he didn't pee in the house.

Interjections

Interjections make your writing more interesting and give your paper a unique voice.

You wouldn't normally want to include them in formal writing like a resume or a research paper.

Prepositions

Prepositions Show Position!

Prepositions tell us where or when something is in relation to something else.

The wild bear is **behind** you.
Will they be arriving **at** midnight?

Prepositions

Prepositions also tell us where one noun is in relation to another. This is called spatial relation.

The pencil is on the table **beside** you.

Prepositions

Most prepositions tell about time, place, or movement, but some do not.

Time: I will call you **before** dinner.

Place: My computer is **on** the table.

Movement: We walked **across** the busy parking lot.

Other: Did you see the movie **about** sharks.

Prepositions

Some common prepositions include:

about, above, across, after, along,
around, at, behind, below, beside, by,
down, during, for, from, in, inside, into,
near, of, on, outside, over, through, to,
under, up, and with

Purpose:

It is important to know how to identify interjections and prepositions, but it is also imperative that you know their purpose.

Remember:

Prepositions indicate direction, time, location, and spatial relationships. Prepositions show position!

An interjection expresses sudden thought or feeling.