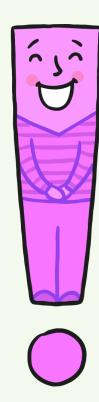


What an Exclamation!



This is an exclamation mark.



You can use it in a few ways...

Use exclamation marks to:

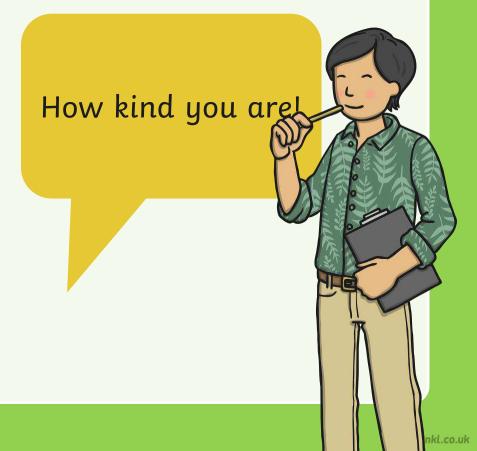


- show surprise;
- add emphasis;
- show strength;
- show shouting.

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!



You can have exclamations that aren't sentences.

These still start with 'How' or 'What' but have no verb.

What fun!



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.



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?



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.

