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A howler is a glaring blunder <<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/blunder>> , clumsy mistake or embarrassing misjudgment, typically one which evokes laughter[1]

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-1)> [2]

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-2)> , though not always.[3]

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-3](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-3)>

The Oxford English Dictionary <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford\\_English\\_Dictionary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford_English_Dictionary)> defines howler, "3.3 slang. Something 'crying', 'clamant', or excessive; spec. a glaring blunder, esp. in an examination, etc.", and gives the earliest usage example in 1872.[4]

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-4)> Eric Partridge

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric\\_Partridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric_Partridge)> 's Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English says; the 1951 edition of Partridge defined it in part as: "... A glaring (and amusing) blunder: from before 1890; ... also, a tremendous lie ... Literally something that howls or cries for notice, or perhaps ... by way of contracting howling blunder."[5]

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-isbn0-02-594980-2-5](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-isbn0-02-594980-2-5)>

Another common interpretation of this usage is that a howler is a mistake fit to make one howl with laughter.[6 <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-6](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-6)>

Typically such definitions of the term howler or boner do not specify the mode of the error; a howler could be a solecism <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solecism>> , a malapropism <<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malapropism>> , or simply a spectacular, usually compact, demonstration of misunderstanding, illogic, or outright ignorance. As such, a howler could be an intellectual blunder in any field of knowledge, usually on a point that should have been obvious in context. In the short story by Eden Philpotts <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eden\\_Philpotts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eden_Philpotts)> [18] <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-18](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-18)> Doctor Dunston's Howler, the "howler" in question was not even verbal; it was flogging the wrong boy, with disastrous consequences.

Conversely, on inspection of many examples of bulls and howlers, they may simply be the products of unfortunate wording, punctuation, or point of view. In particular, schoolboy howlers might sometimes amount to what Richard Feynman

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Feynman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Feynman)> refers to as perfectly reasonable deviations from the beaten track.[19] <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler\\_%28error%29#cite\\_note-isbn0-7382-0636-9-19](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howler_%28error%29#cite_note-isbn0-7382-0636-9-19)> Such specimens may variously be based on mondegreens

<<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mondegreen>> , or they might be derived from misunderstandings of fact originated from the elders, teachers or communities. Not all howlers originate from the pupil.

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