



Exclamatory Sentences

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Exercise 1 – Learning

An **exclamatory sentence** is used to express a strong emotion.

It starts with a “**How**” or a “**What**” and ends with **an exclamation mark (!)**.

How to Form Exclamatory 'What!' Sentences

To form an exclamatory '**what**' sentence with a singular noun, use the form:

'What a(n) [adjective] [noun]!'

What a tall building!

For an exclamatory sentence with a plural noun, simply remove the article '**a(n)**'.

What tall buildings!



How to Form Exclamatory 'How!' Sentences

Exclamatory **'how'** sentences are formed in this way:

'How + adjective/adverb!'

How beautiful!

To form a **'how'** exclamatory phrase with someone or something, you can say:

'How [adjective] of someone/something'

How kind of the young man!

You can add an infinitive verb phrase to explain a reason for your exclamation:

*How rude of the man **to talk on his phone during the movie!***

If you replace the **person/thing** you are talking about, make sure to use an **object pronoun**:

*How kind of **him!**' (Not 'he!')*



Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. _____ a wonderful story.

- a) What
- b) How

2. _____ wonderful.

- a) What
- b) How

3. _____ an adorable dog.

- a) What
- b) How

4. _____ adorable.

- a) What
- b) How



5. _____ a terrible joke.

- a) What
- b) How

6. _____ terrible.

- a) What
- b) How

7. _____ lovely weather.

- a) What
- b) How

8. _____ lovely.

- a) What
- b) How



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use exclamatory sentences and respond to these statements.

Example: My car broke down on the way to work. → How frustrating!

Content:

1. I just bought a puppy.
2. I worked 80 hours this week.
3. I finally bought the dress I've wanted to buy since last year.
4. I passed the licensing exam. I can be a nurse now.
5. My father's surgery went well.
6. I found the solution to a problem at work, but no one will let me try it out.