

Mild and Strong Interjections

An interjection is a word or phrase that expresses emotion or feeling, gives a command or fills a silence. Some interjections show only a little emotion. These are called mild interjections. Other interjections show more emotion. These are called strong interjections. Many times, the type of interjection is determined by the context of the sentence. Mild and strong interjections are punctuated differently. Mild interjections are set off from the main sentence by commas. Strong interjections use exclamation points.

Example 1:

Whee! This is a fun roller coaster!

In this example, *whee* is a strong interjection.

Example 2:

Well, it's the best I could do.

In this example, *well* is a mild interjection.

Part I: Circle the interjection and identify the type of interjection in the following sentences. Write *mild* in the blank for mild interjections. Write *strong* in the blank for strong interjections.

1. Wow! That was an amazing play. _____
2. We were, uh, going to call you. _____
3. Our team won! Yea! _____
4. Ouch! I stepped on a thorn! _____
5. No, there is no homework tonight. _____
6. Do you want to go with us, eh? _____

Part 2: Write one sentence using a mild interjection and one sentence using a strong interjection. Do not use any of the interjections used above.

- 1.
- 2.