

A Sentence That Shouts Using Exclamatory Sentences

Reading and Discussion

There are four types of sentences:

1. **Telling Sentences.** This kind of sentence tells us something or states a fact. Telling sentences end with a period. For example:

- The Smithsonian museum is called America's Attic.
- In 1855, the Smithsonian's first building was the Castle.

2. **Asking Sentences.** This kind of sentence asks a question. Asking sentences often begin with a word that asks. **Who, what, when, where, why, did,** and **does** are words that ask questions. Asking sentences always end with a question mark. For example:

- Have you ever been to the Air and Space Museum?
- Did you know the Wright Brothers' Kitty Hawk Flyer is there?

3. **Command Sentences.** This kind of sentence commands or tells someone to do something. A command sentence ends with a period. For example:

- Visit the National Zoo.
- Don't feed the animals.

4. **Exclamatory Sentence.** This kind of sentence shows excitement or other strong emotion. For example:

- The National History Museum is huge!
- What an awesome place!

Did you notice the punctuation mark at the end of the **exclamatory sentences**? This is called an **exclamation mark**. All exclamatory sentences end with an exclamation mark.

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Activities

Activity A: Practice making exclamation marks on the line below. Make as many as you can.

Activity B: Read each sentence below. If it is an exclamatory sentence, put an exclamation mark at the end. If it is a command sentence, put a period at the end.

1. Let's visit the National Zoo
2. The giant panda is amazing
3. We won the contest
4. The prize is free zoo admission for a year
5. We can eat popcorn
6. Wow, that elephant is huge

Activity C: Using the words below write an exclamatory sentence for each word. Try to be creative.

1. Fire - _____

2. Jump - _____

3. Big - _____

Activity D: Which punctuation mark would you use for an exclamatory sentence?

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Answer Key

Activity A

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Activity B

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Activity C

Answers will vary

Activity D

Exclamation point