

## Interjections

Interjections are words that interrupt sentences or show surprise or another emotion. They are set off by punctuation from the main thought because they are not grammatically related to the rest of the sentence. Most interjections are set off by commas, but a strong emotion can be set off by an exclamation mark or a dash:

*Darn, traffic was slow today.*

*Oh, is class canceled?*

*Darn! I lost my winning lottery ticket!*

*Oh—Is your car on fire?*

Introductory expressions like *yes*, *no*, *indeed*, and *well* are interjections.

*Yes, I plan to attend the wedding.*

*No, we will not go to the reception.*

*I do, indeed, plan to call her (or, Indeed, I do plan to call her).*

*Well, I hope you feel better soon.*

Other common interjections are *hello*, *goodbye*, *thank you*, *please*, *okay*, and *sorry*:

*Hello, I'm glad to meet you.*

*Goodbye! We'll miss you!*

*No, thank you, I don't drink coffee (or, No, I don't drink coffee, thank you).*

*Yes, please, I'd love a glass of wine (or, Yes, I'd love a glass of wine, please).*

*Okay, now I'm starting to get mad.*

*I can't wait any longer, sorry (or, Sorry, I can't wait any longer).*

Some interjections are sounds:

*Mmmmmmm, I love donuts.*

*Boom! The thunder startled me.*

*Phew! That was a lot of work.*

*Shh, you'll wake the baby.*

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