

A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley, Act I, by Israel Horovitz**Integrated Language Skills: Grammar****Interjections**

An **interjection** is a part of speech that exclaims and expresses a feeling, such as pain or excitement. It may stand on its own or it may appear within a sentence, but it functions independently of the sentence—it is not related to it grammatically. If an interjection stands on its own, it is set off with a period or an exclamation point. If it appears in a sentence, it is set off with commas.

Wow, look at that sunset!

My pants are covered with mud. Yuck!

Boy, do my legs ache after climbing all those stairs.

Here are some common interjections:

Boy	Hmmm	Oh	Ugh	Whew	Yikes
Hey	Huh	Oops	Well	Wow	Yuck

A. DIRECTIONS: Rewrite each item. Punctuate the sentence or pair of sentences to set off the interjections. Some sentences or pairs of sentences may be written in more than one way.

1. Oops the cat spilled his food all over the floor

2. Ouch I dropped the hammer on my foot

3. I worked for two hours in the hot sun Whew

4. Hmmm I think this CD costs way too much

5. Hey do not go near that downed electric wire

B. WRITING APPLICATION: Write three sentences using interjections. Be sure to punctuate the sentences correctly.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____