

WHAT DOES AN EXCLAMATION MARK SHOW?

Strong emotion, urgency, and force



EXCITEMENT

We won the match!

Happiness or enthusiasm



SURPRISE

You finished the entire project !

An unexpected reaction



WARNING OR URGENCY

Watch out!

Immediate attention needed



FORCEFUL COMMAND

Do not touch that wire!

Strong or urgent instruction



Sit down.



calm instruction



Sit down!



forceful instruction



USE THE EXCLAMATION MARK CORRECTLY



Choose the right mark and avoid overuse

1

STATEMENT, QUESTION, OR EXCLAMATION?

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She passed the exam.

Neutral information

?

Did she pass the exam?

Direct question

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She passed the exam!

Excitement or surprise

2

WHAT OR HOW?

!

What a beautiful garden!

?

What garden did you visit?



"What" and "how" do not always introduce questions.

3

DIALOGUE AND OVERUSE

DIALOGUE



"Stop!" the officer shouted.



"Stop!," the officer shouted.



Do not add a comma after !

ONE MARK IS ENOUGH



That was amazing!!!



That was amazing!



Use one exclamation mark in standard writing.



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