

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #77

FOCUS Exclamation Points

Use exclamation points to show strong emotion or surprise.

CONNECT TO WRITING

Exclamation points should be used sparingly, especially in formal essay writing. Use specific nouns and vivid verbs to build emotion or surprise. Only use one exclamation point. They may be placed at the end of exclamatory sentences or after words, phrases, or clauses.

Examples: Exclamatory Sentence The decision really shocked me!
 Word / Phrase / Clause Wow! How amazing! If she only knew!

PRACTICE

Add correct ending punctuation, including exclamation points where appropriate.

1. Run Don't walk
2. She helps a lot What a treasure
3. He is very talented Such amazing creativity
4. How shocked he was I guess he didn't know
5. What excitement If you don't like that you don't like N.B.A. basketball
6. Did he do it I can't believe it
7. How surprising When did Tom find out
8. And no one knew about it How crazy
9. Stop in the name of the law You have the right to remain silent
10. How awful No one has the right to act that way
11. He came out of retirement to play one more year Imagine that

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with an exclamation point.

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1. B.C.
2. p.m.
3. P.S.
4. N.A.S.A.
5. S.C.U.B.A.
6. Mrs.
7. e.g.
8. etc.
9. 5.5

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4. How shocked he was! I guess he didn't know.
5. What excitement! If you don't like that, you don't like N.B.A. basketball.
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7. How surprising! When did Tom find out?
8. And no one knew about it. How crazy!
9. Stop in the name of the law! You have the right to remain silent.
10. How awful! No one has the right to act that way.
11. He came out of retirement to play one more year. Imagine that!