

Dictionary of interjections

Here is a list of interjections (words that have no grammatical meaning, but just signify emotions, such as "Aha" and "Wow") and their meanings.

Word	Alt. spelling	Translation	Example	Meaning
aah!	aaah, aaaahh	"Help!"	"Aaaah! It's eating my leg!"	Fright, shock. Sometimes it means "ahh" instead.
aha	a-ha	"I understand"	"Aha! So <u>you</u> took the money!"	Understanding, triumph (can also be used as "ahh")
ahh	ahhh	"Ok, I see"	"Ahh, yes, I understand now"	Realisation, understanding. Sometimes it means "aaah" or "eh" instead.
argh		"Damn!"	"Argh, the car won't work!"	Annoyance, anger, frustration
aw	aww, awww	"How sweet!"	"Aww, what an adorable puppy"	Shows sentimental approval.
aw	oh, ah	"That's too bad"	"Aw man, it hit him right in the nuts"	Feeling sorry or pity for someone
bah		"Whatever"	"Bah, I never liked him anyways."	Dismissive, annoyed
boo	booh	"That's bad"	"Boo, get off the stage!"	Disapproval, contempt (also something to yell to surprise people)
brr	brrrr	"It's cold"	"Brrr, it's -20C outside"	Being cold, shivering
eek	eeek	"Help!"	"Eeek, a mouse!"	Girly scream. Surprised, scared.
eep		"Oh no!"	"Eep! I didn't mean to say that!"	Surprise (female)
eh?		"What?"	"Eh? I didn't hear what you said."	Misunderstanding. Also see "huh?"
eww	ewwww	"Disgusting"	"Ewww, this apple is rotten"	Disgust, dislike
hmm	hm, hmmmm	"I wonder"	"Hmm, I'm not sure about that"	Thinking, hesitation.
huh		"Really?"	"Huh, you were right"	Mild, indifferent surprise
huh?	eh?	"Isn't that so"	"So she dumped you, huh?"	Asking for confirmation
ich	yuk	"Disgusting"	"Blerch, this apple is rotten"	Disgust, dislike

meh	eh	"Who cares"	"Meh, whatever you think is best"	Indifference
mhm	mmhm, uh-hu	"Yes"	"Do you think so too?" "Mhm"	Agreement, acknowledgement.
mm	mmm, mmh	"Lovely"	"Mmm, this ice cream is delicious"	Pleasure. Sometimes it means "hmm" instead.
oh		"I see"	"Oh, you wanted sugar, not milk."	Realisation
ooh	oooh	"Wonderful!"	"Oooh, it's shiny!"	Wonder, amazement (ohhh can also mean ahhh)
oops		"I didn't mean to do that"	"Oops, I knocked over your cup"	Being surprised at or acknowledging your own mistakes
ow	oww, ouch	"That hurts"	"Oww, I hit my thumb"	Pain
pff	pffh, pssh	"That's nothing"	"Pff, I once caught a fish twice that size"	Unimpressed
sheesh	jeez	"I can't believe this!"	"Sheesh, now he's drunk again"	Exasperation, annoyance (corruption of "Jesus")
tsk-tsk	tut-tut	"Disappointing"	"Tsk-tsk, he is late for work again"	disappointment, contempt (this is a clicking sound.
uh-hu	mhm	"Yes"	"Do you think so too?" "Uh-hu"	Agreement, acknowledgement.
uh-oh	oh-oh	"Oh no!"	"Uh-oh, I think the bear is inside the house"	Concerned for indications that something will happen
wow		"Amazing!"	"Wow, that's incredible!"	Impressed, astonished
yuk	ich	"Disgusting!"	"Yuk, I wouldn't want to touch that"	Disgust, dislike