

Communication Strategies: Exclamations

USE We use exclamations to convey strong emotions, such as excitement and anger. Emphasizing an entire sentence can be done in four ways. The simplest way is to add an exclamation mark (*The movie was great! The wind is cold!*). The other ways take the following constructions:

FORM • **what** + (ADJECTIVE) + NOUN +(SUBJECT + VERB) !

What a great movie (it was) !

What a cold wind (it is) !

• **how** + ADJECTIVE / ADVERB + (SUBJECT + VERB) !

How great (the movie was) !

How cold (the wind is) !

• **NEGATIVE AUXILIARY** + SUBJECT + ADJECTIVE !

Wasn't the movie great !

Isn't the wind cold !

Make exclamations using WHAT or HOW for each sentence.

1. You look beautiful.

2. The ring is exquisite.

3. They will be completely surprised.

4. The vacation was marvellous.

5. The idea is brilliant.
