

Fact sheet - Level 1

Exclamation Marks

The exclamation mark may be used at the end of a sentence in the place of a full stop, in order to express a strong emotion, such as excitement, delight, fear, anger or surprise. It should be followed by a capital letter.

e.g. Boo! I got you.

Run! She's after us.

Detention! That is the second time you have forgotten your kit.

Ouch! That hurt.

They may also be used to catch the reader's attention. Compare:

Slow workmen in road.

Slow! Workmen in road.

Do not **overuse** the exclamation mark. It will lose its impact and it can get very **annoying!!!!**