

Word Power

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Parts of speech

The interjection



Oh what a beautiful necklace!

The interjection or exclamation is used to show strong feeling or emotion. It is not grammatically, related to the other words in a sentence.

Interjections or exclamations may express:

- Joy**
Hurrah for the weekend!
Aha, this is exactly the book I was looking for.
Yippee, this is great fun!
- Grief**
Alas! My friend is dead.
- Pain**
Ouch! That hurt!

- Ow, my foot!
- Disgust**
Ugh, what a mess!
Ugh! How can I eat this stuff?
- Amusement**
Aha, so that's where you hide your money!
- Lack of understanding/inviting agreement
Look at this handwriting. Not bad, Eh!
- Approval**
Bravo! Well done!
- Surprise**
Oh what a beautiful necklace!
Hey come and look at this!
- Annoyance**
Bah, How to carry this load?



Ouch! That hurt!

Electric words

Words are wonderful raw material used in speech and writing. One who knows more words is at an advantage in almost every field of human activity. We bring you a quiz with some difficult words.

Tick off the meaning you think is correct and check your answers with the key.

- Religion motivates and **galvanizes** very large numbers of people.
 - stirs into action
 - frustrates
 - hinders
- He doesn't want **cheerleaders**; he wants partners.
 - followers
 - those who lead the cheers of a crowd
 - jokers
- People in Britain don't expect a set of religious **sermons** from their political leaders.
 - advice
 - literature
 - talks on morality
- Microbes** don't necessarily recognise differences between humans and animals.
 - terrorists
 - tiny living things
 - aliens
- Mexico, immersed in an economic, security and, now, **pandemic** crisis, dared to do the right thing and faced its problems head-on.
 - countrywide
 - deep
 - economic
- People tend to avoid the **assumption** that every problem can be isolated and cleanly resolved.
 - extreme
 - thought
 - something thought to be true, but not proved
- Washington might **mimic** that strategy.
 - reject
 - copy
 - reach
- The U.S. needs to manage great risks in a more systemic way and become more **resilient** in its response to big problems.
 - quickly recovering
 - aggressive
 - accommodating
- We need a grand **strategy** that looks like an immune system.
 - show
 - plan
 - finale
- The **phenomenal** growth of mobile phones in the developing world presents another opportunity.
 - slow
 - humble
 - remarkable

Key: 1. a, 2. b, 3. c, 4. b, 5. a), 6. c), 7. b), 8. a), 9. b), 10. c).

Buddhist words

- correct usage

There is an accepted way of writing Buddhist words and terms in English.

Here is a brief guide to writing them.

	Accepted way
Buddha	The Buddha
Wesak	Vesak
Priest or <i>Sadhu</i>	The Venerable Bhikkhu
Pirith	Pirit
Chief Incumbent	Viharadhipati
Pooja	Puja (see <i>Pujavaliya</i>)
Dipavansa	Dipavamsa
Mahavansa	Mahavamsa
Culavansa	Culavamsa
Maha Nayake	Maha Nayaka Thera
Dhammachakka	Dhammacakka (Pali)* Dharmacakra (Sanskrit)
	Damsak (Sinhala)
Wap	Vap (October)
Sleeping Buddha statue	Recumbent Buddha statue
Samadi statue	Samadhi statue
Begging for food/alms	Pindapata/alms round
Sermon	Dhammadesana
Bodhisattha	Bodhisatta (Pali) Bodhisattva (Sanskrit) Bosat (Sinhala)

Note: There is no 'w' sound in Sinhala

Mahanuwara	Mahanuvara
Devinuwara	Devinuvara

*When writing Pali words in English, the letter 'h' is not used generally.

