

## Interjections

An **interjection** is a word or phrase used to express strong emotion or surprise. *Wow!* and *Yikes!* are two interjections. A comma or an exclamation point is usually used to separate the interjection from the rest of the sentence. (Turn to page 453 in *Write Source 2000*.)

**Directions**

Underline each interjection in the sentences that follow.

1. "Good grief, Mr. Decimal, we had a test on fractions yesterday," said Al.
2. "Hallelujah!" yelled our teacher. "A test a day is good for the soul."
3. "Yeah!" blurted Clarisse. "But what about our minds?"
4. "SHSHSHSHSHSH!" hissed Mr. Decimal.
5. "Holy fractions, Mr. Decimal. If we were happy every time you gave a test, we'd be the weirdest eighth graders on earth," Clarisse explained.
6. "Hey, Clarisse, stop the wisecracks," replied Mr. Decimal patiently.
7. "Wow, Mr. Decimal," answered Clarisse, "I was just being honest."
8. "I know," explained Mr. Decimal. "But, for goodness sake, you didn't think I was being serious, did you?"
9. "Whew! That's what I was hoping!" exclaimed Clarisse.
10. "Okay, let's get back to the test."



**Next Step** Team up with a classmate and create a brief scene in which two or more characters express strong emotion or surprise. Consider performing this scene for your classmates.