Wow! Exclamations: answers and notes

What your child practised: exclamation sentences that start with What or How, show a big feeling and end with an exclamation mark (Year 2 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

Ring **What** and **How**.
What a long tail the dog has**!** How fast you can run**!**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, e.g. What a tall plant this is! How soft this cushion is!

Page 2 · A. What or How?

1. **What** 2. **How** 3. **What** 4. **How** 5. **What** 6. **How**

Page 3 · B. Right end mark

1. **!** 2. **?** (it asks) 3. **.** (it tells) 4. **!**

Page 3 · C. The cake

Answers will vary, e.g. **What a yummy cake that is!** or **How tall the cake is!**

Page 3 · D. Something amazing

Answers will vary. Check it starts with How and ends with !, e.g. How fast the rocket goes!

Challenge: No. "What is your name" **asks** something and needs an answer, so it is a question: **What is your name?** Starting with What doesn't always make an exclamation.

Watch out for

- **The wrong end mark.** What and How can start questions too (How old are you?). Ask: "Is it asking, or saying wow?"
- **What or How?** What goes with a thing (What a big crab…); How goes with a describing word (How big…).
- **Too many !!!** One exclamation mark is enough.

Going further (no paper)

- **Wow at teatime:** each say one What or How sentence about your food.
- **Question or wow?** Say "How tall you are!" and "How tall are you?" Your child says which one asks.
- **In the game:** Chapter 4, Bossy Bay, is about commands that start with a bossy verb.