Exclamatory sentences are often constructed with **what** and **how** or with **so** and **such**. Negative question forms are also used.

**Exclamations with what**

*What a/an + (adjective) + singular countable noun*

- What a beautiful girl! (NOT What beautiful girl!)
- What a lovely song!
- What a rude man!
- What a pleasant surprise!

*What + a/an + (adjective) + noun + subject + verb*

- What a fool you are! (NOT What a fool are you!)
- What a charming girl she is! (NOT What a charming girl is she!)
- What a beautiful smile you have! (NOT What a beautiful smile have you!)

*What + adjective + uncountable / plural noun*

- What lovely flowers!
- What beautiful weather! (NOT What a beautiful weather!)

**Exclamations with how**

*How + adjective / adverb + subject + verb*

- How tall you have grown! (NOT How you have grown tall!)
- How cold it is!
- How clever she is!
- How beautifully she dances!
- How quickly he speaks!

**Exclamations with so and such**

*So + adjective*

- You are **so sweet**!
- She is **so tall**!

*Such a/an + adjective + singular countable noun*

- She is **such a lovely girl**. (NOT She is a such lovely girl!)
Exclamatory sentences: verb patterns

**Such + adjective + uncountable / plural noun**

- They are **such kind people**! (NOT They are so kind people!)
- They are **so kind**! (NOT They are such kind!)
- He talks **such rubbish**! (NOT He talks such a rubbish!)

**Negative question forms**

British speakers often use negative question forms in exclamations.

- Hasn’t she grown!

Americans often use non-negative question forms in exclamations.

- Boy, did I make a mistake! (US)
- Boy, didn’t I make a mistake! (GB)