## Lesson 16: Interjections and Possessive Nouns

An interjection is a word or a phrase inserted in a sentence to show feeling or emotion, for example, *Gosh! Yippee! Great Caesar's ghost!* Interjections are diagrammed like nouns of direct address, that is, above and separate from the subject of the sentence. Here are sentences that are introduced by interjections: *Horrors! I certainly did not expect that. For Pete's sake! Can't he do anything? Oh, Timothy, come with us.* These sentences are diagrammed like this:



**Possessive nouns are nouns ending in 's or s'.** All possessive nouns function as adjectives and are diagrammed like adjectives. Here are two sentences that contain possessive nouns: *We gave the books to Jake's cousin, Katie Sullivan. You will find boys' clothes in the back of the store.* These sentences are diagrammed as



Now it's your turn to diagram interjections and possessive nouns.

1. Hurrah! Mrs. Martin's class has no test tomorrow.

5. Good grief, Donna, did you see Mrs. Decker's purple hair?

2. Hey, wait for Jody's brother!

6. Well, Miss Burnett, did Wal-Mart's employee of the month really put women's jeans in the men's section?

3. For heaven's sake! Don't they know our address yet?

7. Alas, someone's child is dying at this moment.

4. Oh no! You lost Dad's car keys.

## Lesson 17: Possessive Nouns (2)

Possessive nouns can be modified by articles, adjectives, possessive pronouns, and other words. In diagramming, hook such a modifier onto the possessive noun, just as you do with adverbs that modify attributive adjectives and other adverbs. Check out these sentences and diagrams: My mother's car is coming around the corner now. Have the old man's cows been grazing in your field? Ten children came to six-year-old Rebecca's birthday party.



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## Lesson 18: Interrogative Adverbs and Adjectives

The interrogative adverbs how, where, when, and why are used to introduce questions. In a sentence diagram, an interrogative adverb is placed on a diagonal line attached to the horizontal line under the verb. Here are some examples and diagrams: Where do you live? How do I get there? When does the game start? Why are we going to the game?



**The interrogative adjectives what and which are used in asking questions** like Which CDs do you like best? What time is it? For what reason would anyone refuse your help?



Now it's your turn to diagram interrogative adverbs and adjectives.

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5. How can a tiny hummingbird find its way from Alaska to Mexico?

2. Why does it rain so much in Seattle?

6. When did Katherine's cousin move to Florida?

- 3. Mom, which shirt did I wear to school yesterday?
- 7. Why have scientists not found a cure for the common cold?

4. Which candle would look best on our kitchen table?

8. What kinds of marine animals did you see at Sea World?

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1. Hey, Robert, that is Shurita's bicycle!

6. Woops! How did that happen so quickly?

2. Yikes! A snake is crawling into Mrs. Rawling's mailbox.

7. In my dream, Halloween skeletons were jumping on your parents' new car.

3. The color of my friend Eric's house is red.

4. What kind of spider has a red hourglass-shaped mark on its belly?

9. Keisha's little cousin Micah was digging for earthworms.

8. Which movie did you kids like best?

5. Where do frogs go in the wintertime?