

Words Are CAtegorical®

Cool!!



Whoa!

Ah



and

Oh!



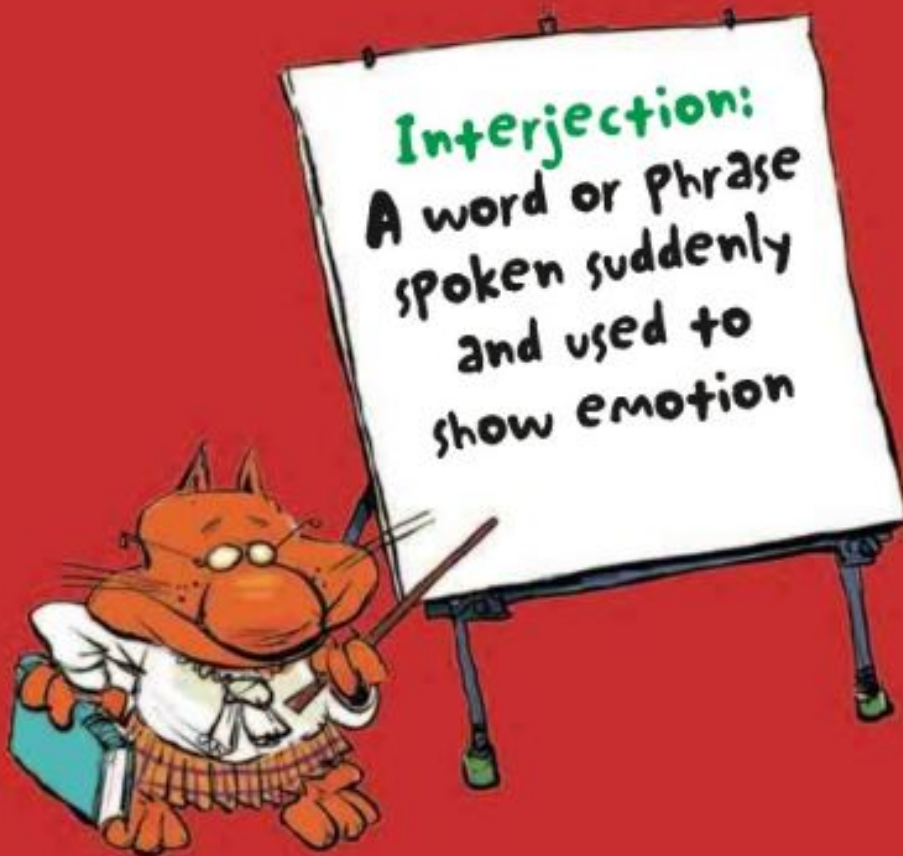
What Is an Interjection?

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An interjection is a word  
or phrase that helps show feeling.



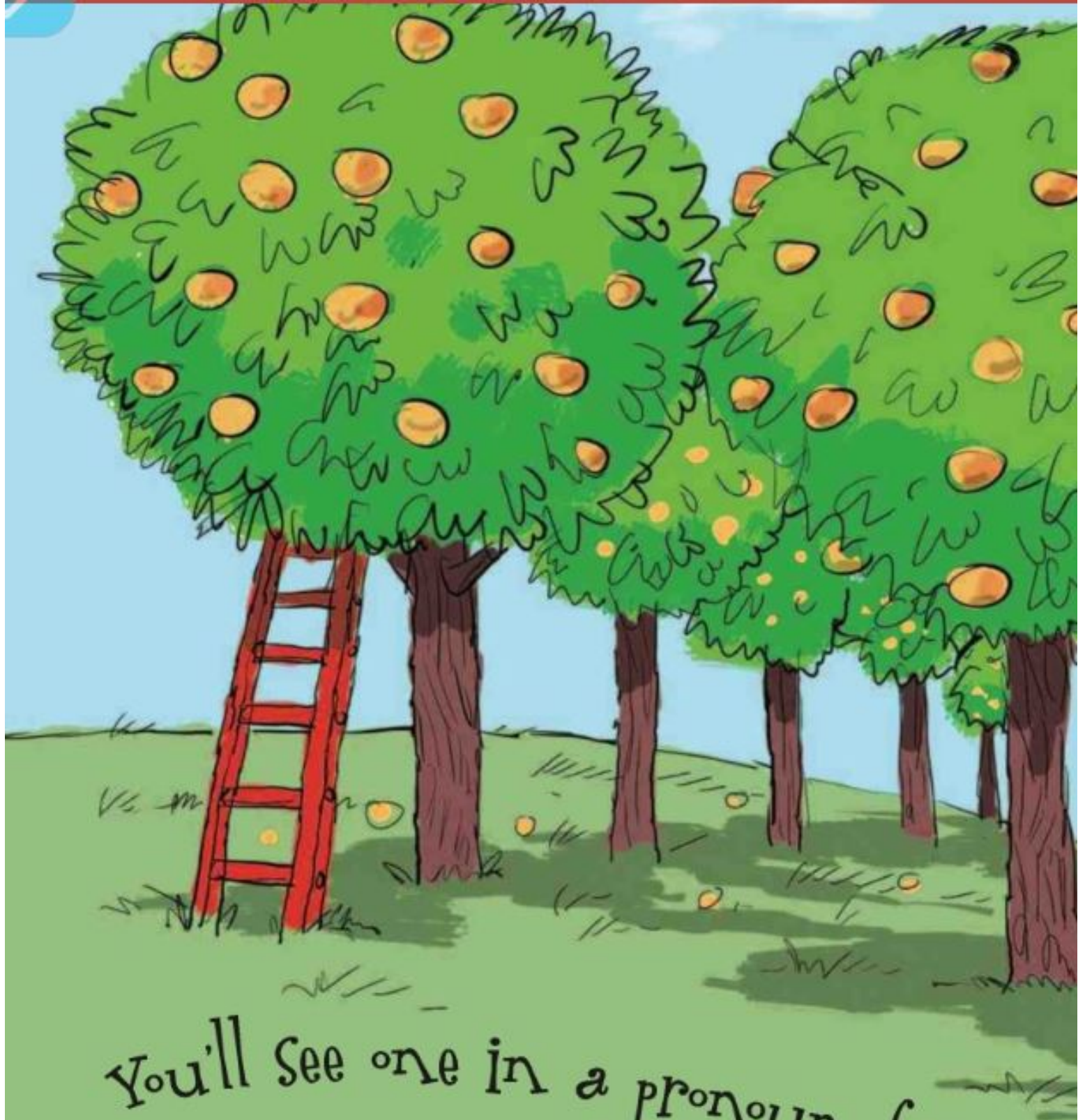


as in, "oh, my!" or "Help!" or "Yikes—  
a spider's on my ceiling!"



Interjections can be found  
in different parts of speech.





You'll see one in a pronoun here:  
"Dear **me**! That's one good peach!"





From time to time, they're adjectives,  
like, "Good! There's pepperoni!"

They also may be adverbs, like,



**Indeed!** The cook was Tony!



Sometimes they show up as nouns,  
as in this case: **"The jerk!"**



The fool!

He used my skates and bike.



Now neither of them work!





These words are little signs to show  
when meaning should be stressed.

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Like, "oh my gosh! I didn't know  
today we've got a test!"



Interjections help us to  
express our pain or joy,



like when we say,  
"oh, no!" or "Yay!"

Or "Ouch!"



"uh-oh!"



"oh, boy!"



our sentences can have more thrills,



be action-packed or gory

When words like **Zap!**



and **Pow!**



and **Pop!**

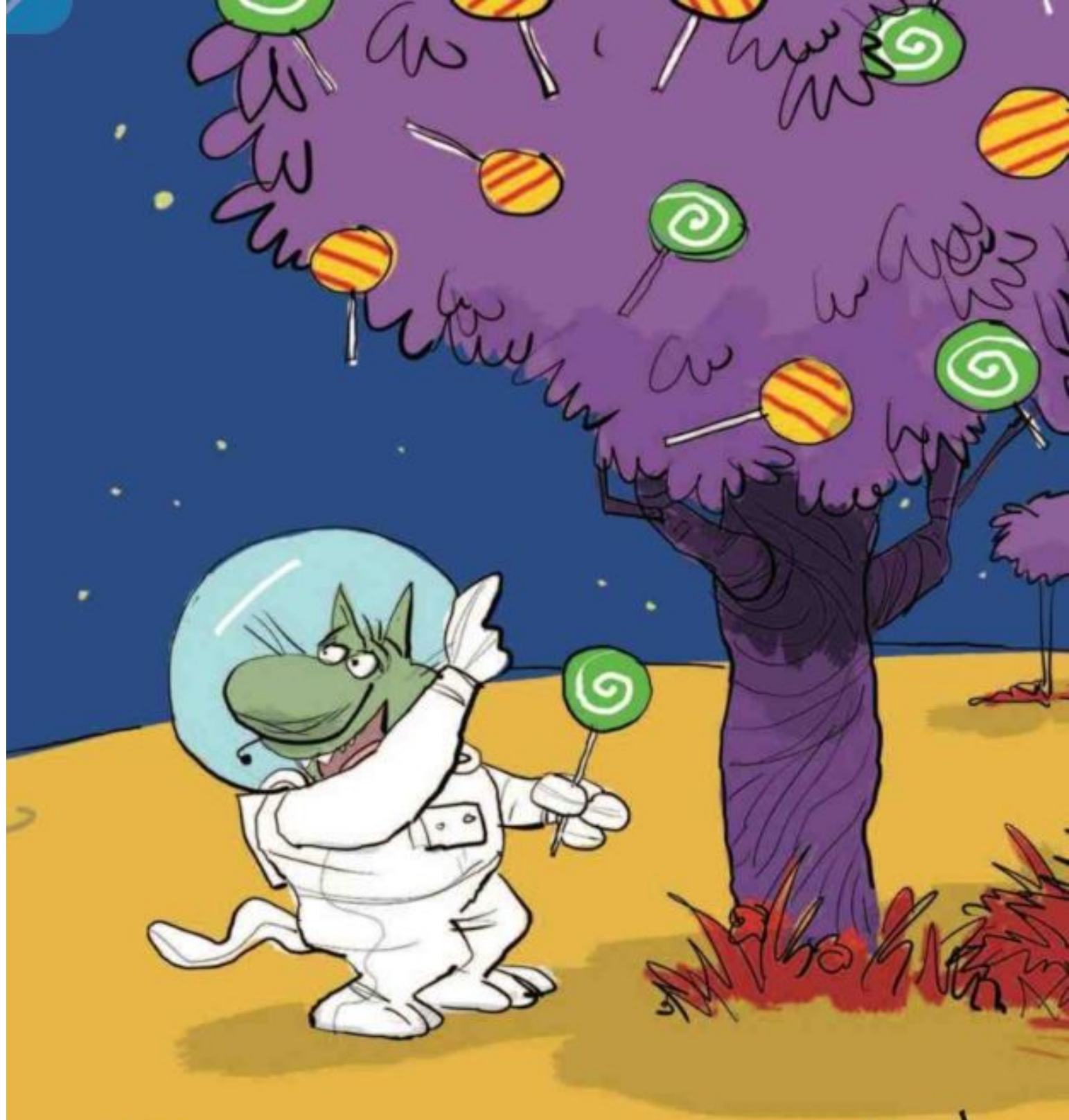


are added to our story.



In getting folks' attention,  
they can also come in handy,





as in, "**Hey, you!** Look over here!  
This tree is growing candy!"





*Sometimes interjections  
can be used to show your grief.*

as in, "We shared a locker,

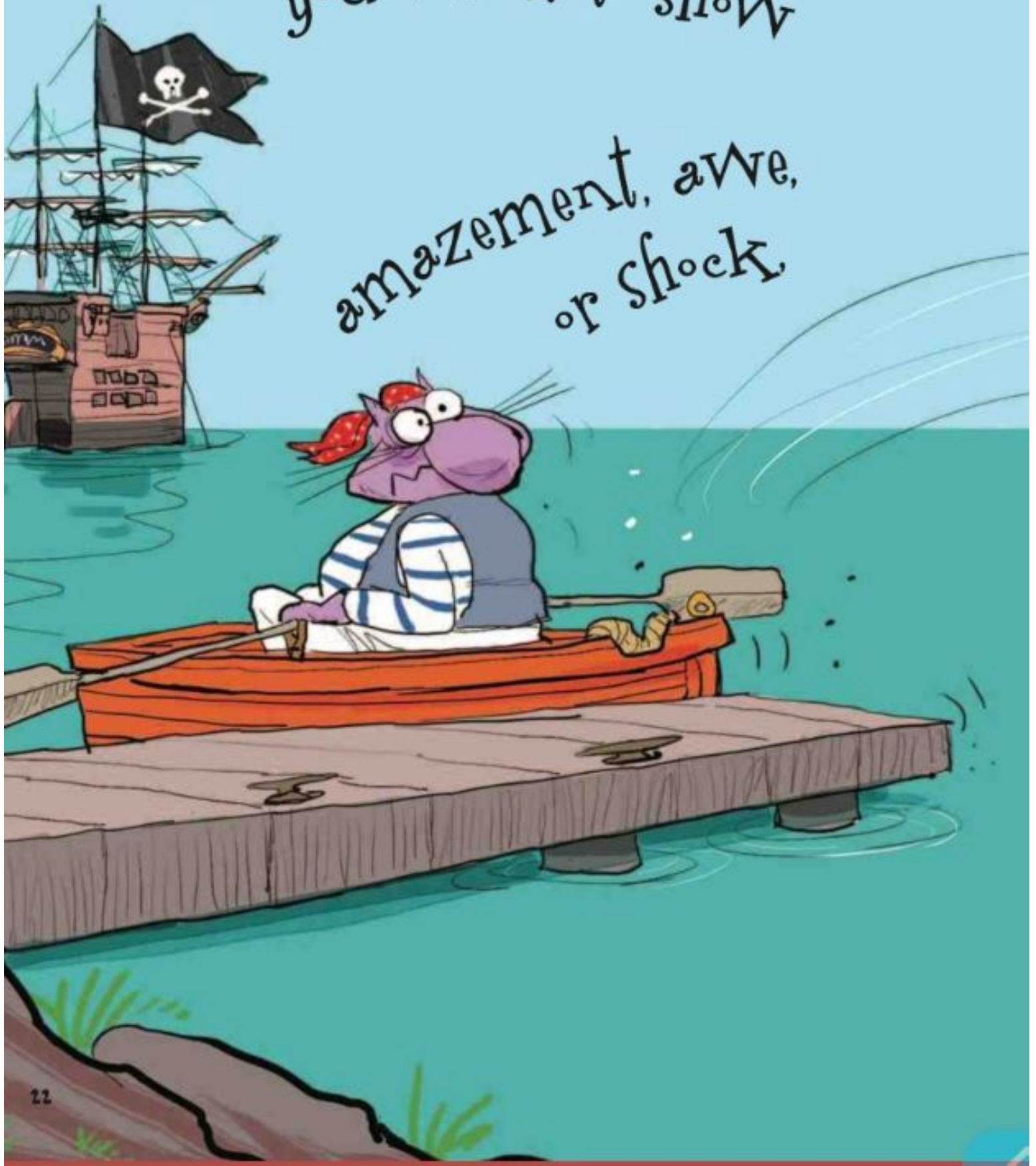
but **alas**, he was a thief."





They're useful when  
you want to show

amazement, awe,  
or shock.



like when a pirate hollers,  
"ARG!"



My dinghy dinged the dock."



"oh!" can show surprise or pain  
and works as well  
with pleading.



Like, "oh! oh! oh!  
please call on me.



I'd love to do this reading."





"Ah!" might go before



"That's good."



Or "Now I comprehend."

Or even, "Well, we thought we'd try."



or "I can't find my friend!"



Cool! Amazing!

Wow!

can also go in this collection.



'cause now you know the answer to



"What is an interjection?"



So what is an interjection?  
Do you know?



