

# UNIT 15

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## REPORTED ORDERS/INSTRUCTIONS

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To report orders or instructions we use **ask**, **order** etc followed by a to-infinitive.

*“Go out!” he said to me. → He ordered me **to go** out.*

*“Don’t go!” he said to me. → He asked me **not to go**.*

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## EXCLAMATIONS

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Exclamations are words or sentences used to express admiration, surprise etc. To form exclamatory sentences we can use **how**, **what** (a/an) etc. Exclamatory sentences take an exclamation mark (!) at the end.

- We use **how** + **adjective/adverb**  
*How nice! How carefully she drives!*
- We use **what** + **a/an (+adjective)** + **singular countable noun**  
*What a nice day! What an exciting trip!*
- We use **what (+adjective)** + **uncountable/plural nouns**  
*What colourful pictures! What awful weather!*

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## QUESTION TAGS

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- Question tags are short questions at the end of statements. We form them with the auxiliary verb from the main sentence and the appropriate subject pronoun. *He is tall, **isn't he?***
- When the verb of the sentence is in the present simple, we use **do/does** in the question tag.  
*He **lives** in Manchester, **doesn't he?***
- When the verb of the sentence is in the past simple, we use **did** in the question tag. *He **left**, **didn't he?***
- A **positive** statement takes a **negative** question tag.  
*He **is** from Spain, **isn't he?***
- A **negative** statement takes a **positive** question tag.  
*He **isn't** from France, **is he?***

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## INTONATION

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- When we are sure of the answer, the voice goes down in the question tag. (↘)  
*She works at a bank, doesn't she? (sure)*
- When we are not sure of the answer, the voice goes up in the question tag. (↗)  
*She's got a sister, hasn't she?*

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## A/AN - THE

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We use **a/an** to talk about something for the first time.  
We use **the** to talk about something we have mentioned before. *There's **a** car outside. **The** car belongs to Mr Jones.*

We also use **the** before:

- names of rivers (*the Amazon River*), seas (*the Black Sea*), oceans (*the Pacific*) and mountain ranges (*the Alps*).
- nationalities (*the English*), names of families (*the Browns*).

We don't use **the** before:

- proper names (*Jane, Rome*), names of countries (*Britain*), names of meals (*lunch*) or names of sports/games (*tennis*).