

## INTERJECTIONS! SHOW EMOTION! HALLELUIA! AMEN!

Lists of interjections can be found on the internet and elsewhere, but usually they contain nothing more than a list of the words. I have tried to gather examples of usage when provided from Lewis and Short's *A Latin Dictionary*, so that we can begin to employ these interjections in our own classes in a more accurate fashion.

**ā/āh** – (an exclamation of pain or grief) ah! ha! oh! *āh nescīs quam doleam*; (of entreaty to avert an evil) *āh, nōlī!*; (of indignation or reproach) *āh stulte! āh rogitās?*; (of admonition) *āh nē mē obsecrā*; (of consolation) *quid? āh volet, certō scio*.

**aha** – (of reproof or denial) aha! *aha, tacē*

**ai** – (denoting grief) ah!

**apage** – go! scam! *apage, istās ā mē sorōrēs*

**atat/attat/attatatae/atatte** – (an exclamation of joy, pain, wonder, fright, warming) oh! ah! alas! lo! strange! *attata, cavē cadās amābō*

**(h)au** – (an exclamation of pain or grief) ouch! *au, nūllan tibi lingua'st?*

**babae/papae/tatae** – (an exclamation of wonderment of magnitude) (in delight) great! wonderful!; (in pain) ouch! how painful!; (in astonishment or surprise) wow! *papae! iugularās hominem*; (dialogue from a play:) *Sa: fac tū hōc modō, St: at tū hōc modō, Sa: babae! St: tatae! Sa: papae! St: pāx!*

**ēcastor/mēcastor** – by Castor! (for women usually) *ēcastor vērō!*; *salvē, mēcastor, Parmeniō!*

**ecce** – (with the accusative) see! look! here! *quid mē quaeris? ecce mē!*; *ecce odium meum!*  
(with the nominative) *ecce homo!*

**eccerē** – (ecce plus **rē** – ablative of **rem**) there! see there in fact!

**edepol/pol** – by Pollux! indeed! *pol, mē miserum, patrōne, vocāres!*

**ehem** – (expressing pleasant surprise) ha! aha! *ehem, optumē!*; *ehem, pater mē, tū hīc erās?*

**ēheu** – (expressing pain, often followed by **quam**) oh! oh no! *ēheu, quam ego nunc tōtus displiceō mihi!*

**eho** – (often expressing rebuke) look here! see here! *eho puer!*

**ehodum** – look here now!

**ei/hei** – (expressing fear or dismay) ah! oh!

**ēia/hēia** – (expressing joy or surprise in admiring an object) ah ah ha! good! (gentle remonstrance or persuasion) *hēia, mē Iūnō, nōn decet tē*; (in strong affirmation) *ēia, crēdō*; (expressing haste, often with **age**) quick! come on! *ēia age!*

**em/hem** – (expressing joy or surprise in a good or bad sense, in offering some object or fact to s.o., often followed by a dative) here (there) you are! *hem! quid ego audiō?*; *hem, Pamphile, optimē tē mihi offers; hem tibi maledictīs prō istīs*

**ēn/em** – (in questions) really? (in commands) come on! (to call attention) hey! (with nominatives) *ubi rōrāriī estis? ēn sunt; ēn crīmen, ēn causa; ēn quid agō*

**eu** – (sometimes ironic) fine! great!

**euax** – (expressive of delight at some tidings or events) hurray!

**euge/eugae/eugepae** – terrific! bravo! *euge, euge, perbene!*

**euhoē** – (shout of joy at the festivals of Bacchus) *euhoē euhoē euhius*

**fī** – phew! (at a bad smell) *fī fī fītet!*

**fu/fue/fūfae** – (expression of disgust) yuck!

**ha/hahae/hahahahae** – (expression of joy, satisfaction, or laughter) haha! thank heaven! *hahae, nunc dēmum mī animus in tūtō locō 'st;* (exclamation of laughter or derision) *Chr: hahaha! Me. quid rīsistī?; hahaha, iam teneō, quid sit*

**(h)ercle/mehercle/mehercule/mehercules** – (expressing strong feeling, used by men as an oath) by Hercules! *neque, mehercules, hoc indigne ferō; vērē, mehercule hoc dīcam*

**heu** – (expressing pain or dismay; absolute or with accusative) oh! ah! *heu mē miserum*

**heus** – (to draw attention) say there! hey! *heus, Traniō, etiam nē aperīs?*

**huī** – (exclamation of astonishment or admiration) wow! *trīginta? huī percāra est!*

**io** – (expressing joy) (NB: two syllables - the i is not a consonant) ho! *iō triumphē / triumphāle!*

**medius fidius/mediusfidius** – (fidius - surname of Jupiter; medius - from deus) by the gods of truth! most certainly! *nē ille, medius fidius*

**nē** – (only joined with personal pronouns **ego, tū,** and with **ille, iste,** and **hic;** also connect with other affirmative particles **hercle, edepol, mecastor, medius fidius**) indeed, certainly, surely! *nē ego homō infēlix fuī; nē tū hercle; nē ille hercle; edepol nē ego*

**ō** – (the commonest expression of joy, astonishment, desire, grief, indignation; usually with vocative or accusative; often 3 times) oh! *ō pater, ō patria, ō Priamī domum; ō soror, ō coniunx, ō fēmina sōla; ō Romule; ō Tite*

**oh/ohoho** – (expression for the most various emotions of the mind, for surprise, both joyful and painful; for great pleasure or sorrow) oh! *oh, iniquus es; oh perī; oh probus homō*

**ōhē/ohē** – whoa! *ohē, inquam sī quid audīs*

**oho** – (an exclamation of surprise or joy) oho! aha! *oho, amābō, quid illūc nōn properās?*

**oi/oiei** – (an exclamation of complaint, of one weeping) *oi!* alas!

**papae** – (see *babae* above)

**pāx** – quiet! enough! *pāx, abī!*

**pol** – (see *edepol* above)

**prox** – (comic representation of a fart) *dum etinor, prox! iam paene inquināvī pallium / as I struggle to my feet, bang! I darn near soiled my clothes!*

**st** – shh! sst! *st st tacēte, quid hoc clamōris?*

**tat/tatae** – (see *babae* above)

**tuxtax** – (a word meant to imitate sound of blows) whack, wam; *tuxtax meō tergō erit*

**vae** – (an exclamation of pain or dread, often with dative) woe! *vae miserō mihi; vae victīs*

**vah/vaha** – (exclamation of astonishment, joy, anger) ah! oh! *vah! apage tē ā mē! vah! perī!*

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