Exclamatory sentences

An exclamatory sentence is used express a sudden emotion. It could be fear, anger, anxiety, admiration, excitement etc.

Here are some tips for constructing exclamatory sentences.

Use what a before a singular noun.

What a surprise!
Before an abstract noun or a plural noun, use what without a.

What awful weather!
Use how before a modifying adjective, an adverb or a verb.

Exercise

Use as many sentences as you can with the words given in the columns of the table given below.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>What a</th>
<th>foolish guy</th>
<th>nice</th>
<th>silly as</th>
<th>pleasant</th>
<th>goose</th>
<th>rude</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>man!</td>
<td>she</td>
<td>evening!</td>
<td>surprise!</td>
<td>you</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>is!</td>
<td>am!</td>
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<th>What</th>
<th>treachery!</th>
<th>child-like innocence!</th>
<th>awful weather!</th>
<th>lovely flowers!</th>
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<th>How</th>
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<th>of</th>
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<td>ridiculous!</td>
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<td>of him to do that!</td>
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Examples are given below

- What a nice evening!
- What a pleasant surprise!
- What treachery!
- What awful weather!
- How noble of him to do that!
- How clever of you!

Note that it is possible to rewrite many of these sentences using a structure with it.

- It was very noble of him to do that.
- It was very clever of him.

More examples are given below.

- How kind of him to help the poor man!
- It was kind of him to help the poor man!
- How thoughtless of him not to have locked the car!
- It was thoughtless of him not to have locked the car.