

### 1. Find these colloquial expressions in the article or comments and translate them into Finnish.

1. whinge and whine
2. have a slanging match
3. lose your cool
4. tone down your behaviour
5. be uptight
6. be laid-back
7. bottle up your feelings
8. drive someone nuts

### 2. Idioms with laugh, cry and tears

Correct the mistakes in the **bolded words** to make the phrase idiomatic and fill in the missing words.

1. What have you said to Alicia? She is in **rivers** of tears.
2. Whatever you do, don't ask Tom about his job – we'll all be **boring** to tears.
3. Remembering a joke she'd heard, Dominique burst **off** laughing.
4. We were really upset when we couldn't get tickets, but we had the last **tears** when the concert was cancelled.
5. The actor gave such an emotional acceptance speech that the audience was close to **cry** by the end.
6. You may think it's funny now, but it'll be no laughing **thing** when it happens to you.
7. a shoulder to \_\_\_\_\_ on
8. burst into \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ your head off
10. \_\_\_\_\_ your eyes out

### 3. Formal/literary vocabulary for describing emotions

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

1. The CEO should be **ashamed/perplexed/sorry**, accepting a huge bonus in these difficult times.
2. Jake was feeling a bit **scared stiff/apprehensive/awestruck** about his new job, as it was the first time he'd ever done anything like this.
3. When they asked me if I was on a pension, I was absolutely **indifferent/petrified/mortified**. I'm only 45!
4. Don't take what Jeanette said too seriously. She's **helpless/under a lot of pressure/dumbfounded** at work at the moment.
5. When I realized the burglars had been through all my personal things, I felt completely **disgusted/wound up/exhilarated**.
6. When the kids heard you were coming to stay, they were **overjoyed/envious/cheesed off**.
7. I know you're really busy, but I'm **desperate/insecure/ stupefied** – I literally don't have anyone else to speak to.
8. When your parents see the mess you've made, they're going to be really **relieved/cross/under the weather**.

#### 4. Match the two idioms that have approximately the same meaning

1. Alex is **driving me up the wall!**
  2. Jennifer loves me! I'm **on cloud nine.**
  3. Why the long face? Are you **down in the dumps?**
  4. If you can't take it anymore you are **at the end of your tether.**
  5. Are you nervous - you **have butterflies in your stomach?**
  6. The kids are **full of beans!**
  7. If I say that, they'll think I have **bats in the belfry.**
  8. The referee was so unfair and we all got rather **hot under the collar.**
  9. I have to tell you this. I am **crazy about you!**
  10. Let's try again? I think we **got off on the wrong foot.**
  11. I was **gobsmacked** when I won the Oscar.
- A. He is a real **ball of fire.**
  - B. I have an exam tomorrow. I am on **pins and needles.**
  - C. Have you heard? Jim has fallen **head over heels** with Carrie.
  - D. Don't mention the taxes to her! Jane **flies off the handle** every time you talk about money.
  - E. An Italian who loves Finnish food! I'm **flabbergasted.**
  - F. That guy must have a **screw loose.**
  - G. Got my listening comprehension results this morning. I am **over the moon** and can't wait to tell everyone.
  - H. Adam won't tolerate bad behaviour any longer. He is **at his wit's end.**
  - I. I was **sick as a parrot** when we lost yet another match.
  - J. The new boss **got off to a bad start**, but perhaps we ought to give him a second chance.
  - K. Kate is a real **pain in the neck.**

