

45 Human feelings and actions

A

Feelings

Noun

love (≠ hate)
happiness (≠ sadness)
anger
fear
pride
jealousy
embarrassment

Adjective(s)

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happy (≠ sad)
angry
afraid (of) / frightened (of)
proud (of)
jealous (of)
embarrassed/embarrassing (see Unit 30)

Note:

- **Pride** has different meanings, but the most common is the feeling of satisfaction you have because you (or people you are connected with) have done something well.
He was very **proud** when his wife became the first President of the organisation.
- **Jealousy** is a feeling of anger and unhappiness you may have if (a) someone you love shows a lot of interest in others, or (b) if someone has something you want / don't have.
a) My boyfriend gets very **jealous** when I talk to other boys.
b) He's **jealous** of his brother because his brother is more intelligent and makes more money.
- A common adjective is **upset**, which means unhappy, sad, and even angry, because something unpleasant has happened, e.g. He was very **upset** when we didn't invite him.

B

Ways of ...

Ways of speaking

whisper (v, n) (= speak very quietly)
shout (v, n) (= speak in a very loud voice)

Ways of looking

stare (v, n) (= look at someone/something in a fixed way for a long time)
glance (at) (v, n) (= look at someone or something very quickly)

Ways of walking

stroll (v, n) (= walk in a slow casual way)
march (v, n) (= walk quickly and with a clear purpose/reason)

C

Things we do with our hands



clap



knock (on a door) (v, n)



wave (goodbye)



point (at sth./sb.)



press (a button)



punch someone

Exercises

45.1 What nouns can be formed from these adjectives?

angry sad happy proud jealous embarrassed

45.2 Find the logical ending on the right for each of the sentence beginnings on the left.

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| 1 He was very proud when | a someone stole his money. |
| 2 He was very jealous when | b his father appeared on TV with the Prime Minister. |
| 3 He was very embarrassed when | c he heard that his aunt had died. |
| 4 He was very angry when | d he saw those big dogs running towards him. |
| 5 He was very sad when | e he bought her a birthday present on the wrong day. |
| 6 He was very frightened when | f his best friend went out with the girl he really liked. |

45.3 Answer these questions. If possible, ask someone else the same questions.

- 1 Would you feel embarrassed or upset (or both) if you forgot your mother's birthday or your father's birthday?
- 2 Do you ever feel frightened in a car (as a passenger) because you are going very fast?
- 3 Do you get angry when other people want you to do things that you don't want to do?
- 4 If you made a stupid mistake in English, would you feel embarrassed?
- 5 Is there any one thing that you are very proud of?
- 6 Are there any common situations where you sometimes feel embarrassed?

45.4 What are these people doing? Describe their actions using words from the opposite page.



45.5 Replace the underlined words with a single verb that has the same meaning.

- 1 She stopped working and looked quickly at the clock.
- 2 As we were in the library, he spoke very quietly in my ear.
- 3 We walked casually along the beach and then stopped for a drink.
- 4 He made us all walk quickly up the hill.
- 5 The man kept looking at Susan, but she didn't seem to notice.
- 6 Jim doesn't know what happened, except that the man hit him hard on the side of his face.