



*Collocation in  
use*

Unit 12

Metaphors

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*Sunny*



*Sunny smile*



# children's sunny faces



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face shines

with pleasure  
and

eyes shine

with

excitement or  
delight



If someone's face  
lights up or their  
eyes light up,  
they show that  
they  
suddenly feel  
happy



If an atmosphere lightens or a mood lightens, it becomes more relaxed or cheerful than it was.



# Dark thoughts



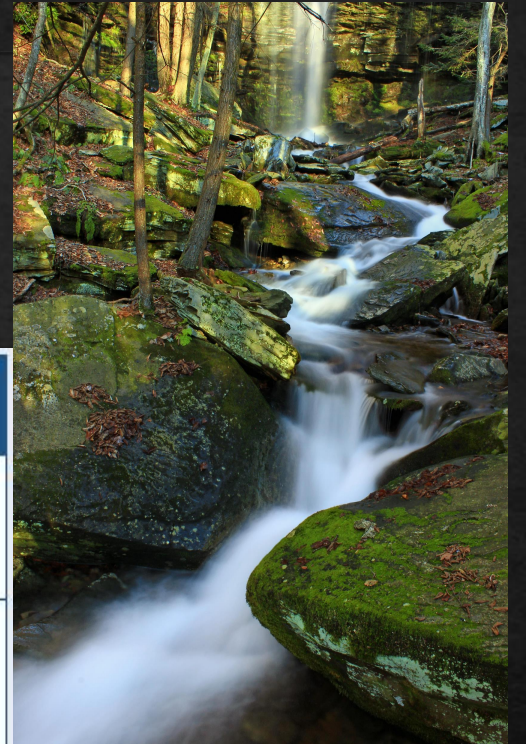


dark days or  
dark times are  
unpleasant  
times to live  
through

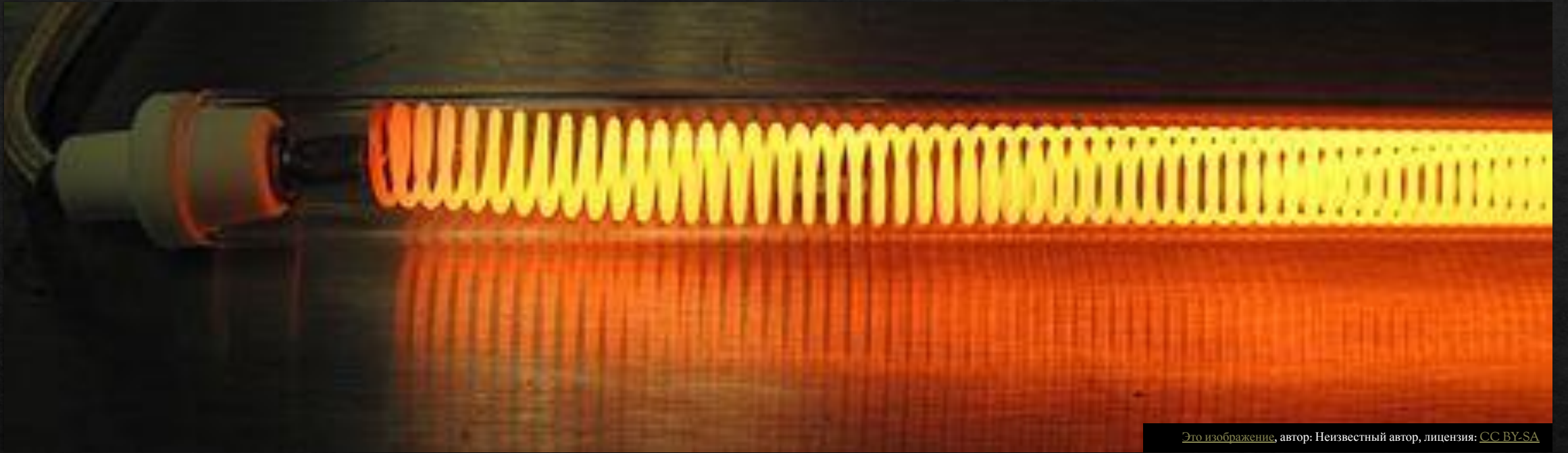




If someone's **face darkens** or their **eyes darken** or someone's **expression darkens**, then we know that that person is unhappy, often because they are feeling angry.



collocation	example	comment
ideas flow, conversation flows	It was a very successful meeting. The <b>ideas flowed</b> .	<i>Flow</i> suggests that things progress easily, without effort.
a flood / floods of tears, tears streaming down someone's face	The little girl was <b>in floods of tears</b> . <b>Tears were streaming down her face</b> .	Both of these metaphors about tears suggest the girl is crying a lot.
people pour/stream somewhere	<b>People poured</b> out of the hall at the end of the lecture.	<i>Pour</i> and <i>stream</i> suggest lots of people moving smoothly.
people trickle	<b>People trickled</b> into the concert hall.	<i>Trickle</i> suggests a few people moving slowly.
a stream of visitors/traffic	There was a <b>stream of traffic</b> outside our room all night.	<i>Stream</i> suggests continuous movement.



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*Heat*

A heated debate, a heated discussion or a heated conversation is one in which people disagree in an angry way with each other





If you say that someone has a **fiery temper**, you mean that they often get suddenly angry.

*Flare = show a  
bright light in  
the dark*





If you say **tempers flared**, you mean that people became angry with each other. Similarly **violence flares up** and **troubles flare up**



If you feel very  
embarrassed,  
your cheeks  
burn with  
embarrassmen  
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*A blaze is a very bright fire.*





blaze of glory

a blaze of  
publicity

