



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.



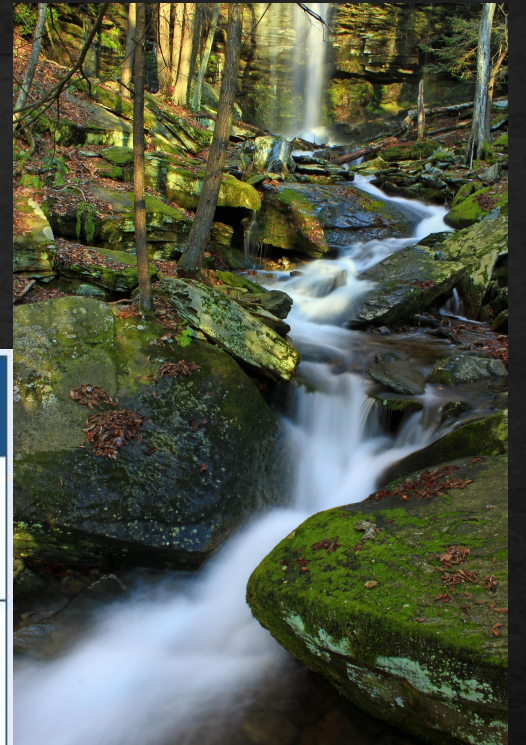
Dark thoughts



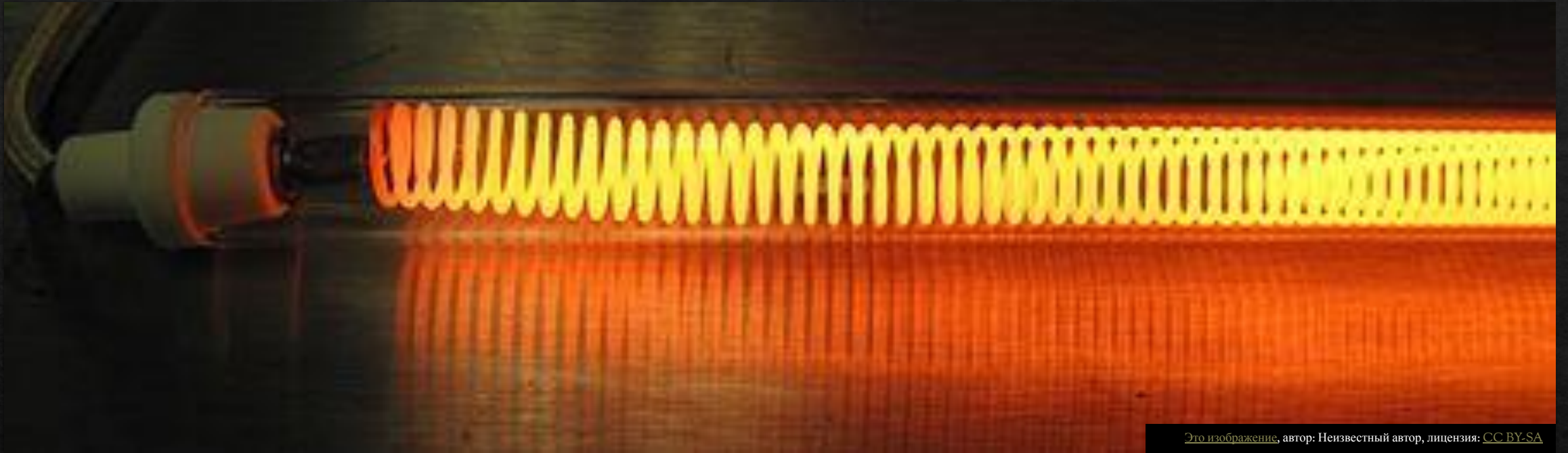
dark days or
dark times are
unpleasant
times to live
through



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 ideas flowed .	<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 in floods of tears . Tears were streaming down her face .	Both of these metaphors about tears suggest the girl is crying a lot.
people pour/stream somewhere	People poured 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	People trickled into the concert hall.	<i>Trickle</i> suggests a few people moving slowly.
a stream of visitors/traffic	There was a stream of traffic 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
t



A blaze is a very bright fire.





blaze of glory

a blaze of
publicity

