



06 - VOCABULARY: FACIAL EXPRESSIONS



- 1 - Have you ever given anyone a **withering look**? Or you may have shot someone a **curious look** when they told you something you didn't know.
- 2 - **An inquiring look** shows that you want to know more about something: *She looked at me with an enquiring expression and I tried to explain.*
- 3 - If someone **looks thoughtful**, their face shows they are thinking carefully about something: *He looked thoughtful for a moment and then replied.*
- 4 - **A puzzled look** shows that you are confused because you don't understand something: *He was staring at the instructions with a puzzled look on his face.*
- 5 - **Quizzical**, meanwhile, describes an expression that is both confused and questioning: *He listened to what she was saying with a quizzical look on his face. / He frowned at her, quizzically.*
- 6 - **An appealing look** is intended to get someone to help you or do something for you: She turned to him with an **appealing** expression.
- 7 - The adjective **imploring** is stronger and shows that you urgently want someone to do something for you: *It was her imploring face – I found I couldn't refuse her.*
- 8 - If someone **looks startled**, they look suddenly shocked or frightened by something: **I wasn't expecting to see a face at the window. I probably looked startled!**
- 9 - **Slack-jawed** describes someone whose mouth is open in amazement: *Passers-by stood still, slack-jawed in disbelief, as she started to sing.*
- 10 - A person **with a smug expression** looks pleased with themselves about something they have achieved, in a way that is annoying to others: *I knew he was right but I just couldn't bear his smug expression.*
- 11 - **A pitying look** shows you feel sympathy for someone else's situation, sometimes in a way that shows a lack of respect: *I was aware of the pitying stares of other drivers, but no one stopped to help me.*