

Week 3

## #15 Are there universal expressions of emotion?

**Skills/ Objectives: Listening and Speaking**

### PART 1: Before you watch...

#### Preparatory questions

1. How are you feeling today? How would you describe your feeling?
2. What does your facial expression look like when you are happy, sad and angry?
3. Do you think that people from all around the world share the same expressions of happiness, sadness, and anger?

#### Vocabulary

1. Activate (verb): to cause something to start to work
2. Grimace (noun): a facial expression of pain that someone twists his/her face
3. Primate (noun): An animal that is the most developed (e.g., monkeys, apes)
4. Flee (verb): to escape
5. Universal (adjective): existing everywhere

### PART 2: Video

This video explores the universal facial expressions around the world and explains the reasons behind them.

**Are there universal expressions of emotion?** *(click the link to watch the video)*

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/are-there-universal-expressions-of-emotion-sophie-zadeh#watch> (4:51 minutes)

(Source: TED Ed)

### PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. What have you learnt from the video? Which part of video do you find interesting? Why?
2. Visit a scene on campus (e.g., canteen, library) and observe people (e.g., students) interacting with each other. Describe the scene you observed and, if possible, include a digital image of the scene. What did you notice about their facial expressions of emotions?

#### **PART 4: Speaking practice**

Interview a person (e.g., international student on campus) who comes from a different cultural background and ask him/her to show you their expressions of happiness, sadness, anger, surprise, and fear. Provide a profile of your informant (e.g., country of origin, languages spoken). Do his/her expressions look the same as yours? Share with us on Moodle!

#### **PART 5: Learn further**

**1. The seven universal emotions we wear on our face**

The article describes the seven universal facial expressions that people wear in the world.

<https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/features/the-seven-universal-emotions-we-wear-on-our-face>

**2. How to Describe Someone's Feelings and Emotions**

This website provides a list of emotion words in English.

<https://7esl.com/describe-someones-feelings-and-emotions/>

#### **Chat online!**

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