

# Quiznet

Topic: Sadness



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For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Did you know Tim has left Janine? Yeah, she's completely \_\_\_\_\_ you know.

- a) heartbreaked
- b) heartbroke
- c) heartbroken
- d) heartbreak

2. When he told her it was over, she burst into \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) grief
- b) tears
- c) crying
- d) song

3. I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her, but she just couldn't stop crying.

- comfort
- comfortable
- sympathy
- sympathise

4. Which of the following is the odd-one-out?

- a) weep
- b) sob
- c) cry
- d) giggle

5. Christmas can be a \_\_\_\_\_ time if you don't have a close family.

- a) alone
- b) unique
- c) lonely
- d) solo

6. Phillis offered Joan a \_\_\_\_\_ to cry on after her husband's death.

- a) arm
- b) shoulder
- c) hand
- d) leg

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Answers:

1. Did you know Tim has left Janine? Yeah, she's completely \_\_\_\_\_ you know.

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'Heartbroken' does not exist.

To make an adjective, you need to use the past participle adjective 'break, broke \_\_\_\_\_'?

**If you are very upset and disappointed about something which has happened, we say you are heartbroken.**

'Heartbreak' is the verb. What's the adjective?

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Grief is deep sadness often caused by death but you can't 'burst into grief'.

**If you start crying suddenly, you 'burst into tears'.**

If you are sad you might cry, but you can't burst into crying.

You can 'burst into song', but it's more likely you are happy than sad.

3. I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her, but she just couldn't stop crying.

comfort  
comfortable  
sympathy  
sympathise

**If someone is upset you can try to comfort someone by putting your arm round them and listening.**

Comfortable is an adjective which might describe a sofa or old pair of jeans.

You can give someone sympathy if you express sorrow or pity at someone else's problems.

You can sympathise *with* someone if you express sorrow or pity at someone else's problems.

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'Weep' is a type of crying, which word is not a way of crying?

'Sob' is a type of crying, which word is not a way of crying?

Which word is not a way of crying?

'Giggle' is a type of laughter, the other words are ways of crying.

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Someone might be alone, but how do they feel?

If something is unique there are no others like it in the world.

**If someone is alone and sad, they might feel lonely.**

If someone does something solo, they do it alone e.g. a solo crossing of the Atlantic.

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