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Full of the joys of spring

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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak – I'm Feifei ...

Rob

And hello, I'm Rob.

Feifei

Hey Rob, have you seen Finn today?

Rob:

Yes, I saw him just a few minutes ago... same old Finn.

Feifei

But when I saw him he was very cheerful... smiling and he was singing too!

Rob

Nothing wrong with singing at work.

Feifei

I know... but he just seems...

Rob

Full of the joys of spring?

Feifei

Full of the joys of spring? Erm, I don't think so – it's winter Rob – cold and wet.

Rob

No Feifei! The season might be winter but Finn's behaviour or his mood is cheerful and lively - like springtime – bright, sunny, flowers growing, new animals being born, birds flying around...

Feifei

Hmm that does sound like spring. It's a nice phrase. It means someone is happy?

Rob

Happy – that's right. Shall we hear some more examples?

Examples

Emily's full of the joys of spring today – her boyfriend has just asked her to marry him!

Raj seems full of the joys of spring today – he must have some good news about his exam results.

I'm full of the joys of spring today – I've just won £1,000 in the lottery – now, what shall I spend it on?

Feifei

So if someone is full of the joys of spring they are in a good mood. So Rob, why is Finn in such a good mood?

Rob

He's happy because he's going on holiday tomorrow – swapping our cold winter for two weeks in the sun, on the beach in Thailand!

Feifei

Lucky Finn! But hold on Rob... there's a strike at the airport tomorrow. All flights are cancelled. Does he know that?

Rob

I don't think so. Shall we tell him?

Feifei

I don't know. That will make him 'empty of the joys of spring' ...

Rob

... and full of the misery of winter!

Feifei

Is that another idiom?

Rob

No, I just made it up. Come on the, I'll go and tell him.

Feifei

Bye.

Rob

Bye.