

# cry

The word **cry** tells you very little about the action. If you use a word or phrase that tells you more about the way a person cries, it is much more interesting for your reader.

If someone suddenly starts crying, you could say that they

**burst into tears**

If someone is crying quietly, you might say that they

**weep**

**whimper**

**whine**

If someone is crying loudly, you can say that they

**bawl**

**cry their eyes out**

**howl**

**sob**

**wail**

There are other words for **cry** that give away how you feel about the person crying.

If you use these next words, it means that the person crying is annoying you, or you feel contempt for them. It might sound a little cruel if you use these words!

**blubber**

**snivel**

**turn on the waterworks**

## Over to you

Can you put some of these words to use? Try to replace the word **cry** in these sentences.

- 1 I heard my brother **cry** quietly on the stairs.
- 2 There was an awful noise as the people all **cried**.
- 3 She is always **crying** and it gets on my nerves.

Which of the words would not sound right in the sentences?