



### CLOUD NINE

To be on cloud nine means to be extremely happy, exhilarated at what has happened.

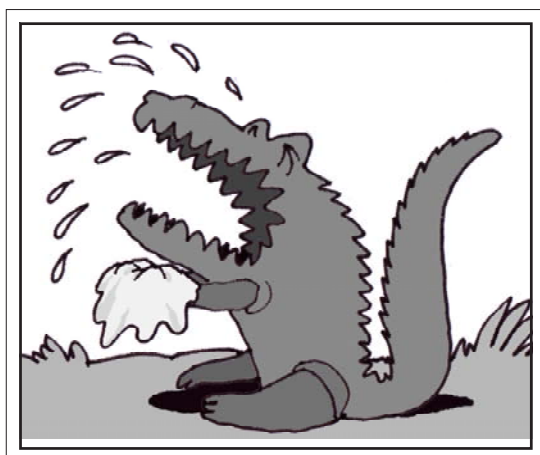
*e.g. Ever since his promotion, Peter has been on cloud nine. He hasn't stopped celebrating.*



### COUNTRY COUSIN

means an unsophisticated visitor in a city, particularly one whose awkward ways are likely to embarrass his hosts.

*e.g. After she was promoted to senior executive level, Julia felt like a country cousin during her first official engagement.*



### CROCODILE TEARS

means false grief, insincere sympathy.

*e.g. When Andrew lost his job, all his colleagues expressed their sympathy. But these were just crocodile tears - they were glad they hadn't lost theirs.*



### CUT NO ICE

means that something makes no impression or fails to influence someone.

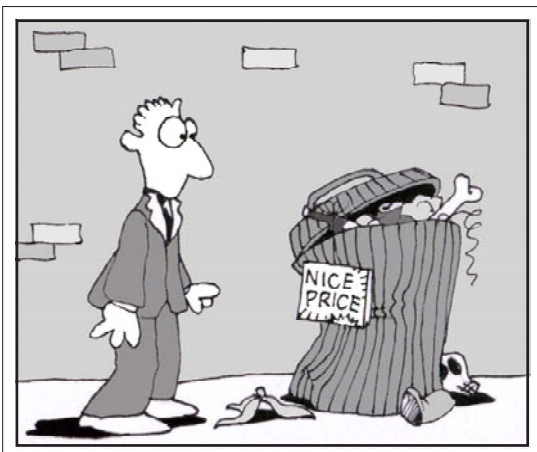
*e.g. Susan is always boasting about her success but it cuts no ice with me as I just don't believe her.*



### CUT THE COAT ACCORDING TO THE CLOTH

means to make the project fit the resources available; to keep your expenses within your income.

*e.g. One danger of credit cards is that people forget to cut their coat according to the cloth and spend more than they earn.*



### DIRT CHEAP

means that something is extremely low-priced.

*e.g. A customer cannot expect highest quality at a dirt-cheap price.*