

CLOSEST IN MEANING

Read the situations below. For each question, select the best answer which is closest in meaning to the statements underlined.

Selvam woke up bright and early last Saturday. He was in seventh heaven ! First of all, he had just got his O level results. As everyone had expected, he had passed with flying colors. Then came the surprise ! In the garden was a brand new car ! It was a gift from his father. Bursting with pride, Mr Krishnan gazed at the apple of his eye and said, 'Happy birthday, son, and congratulations on your excellent results ! Your mother and I are so proud of you !'

1. **in seventh heaven**

- A utterly discontented
- B extremely happy
- C amazingly dreamy
- D very imaginative

2. **had passed with flying colors**

- A had excelled in Art
- B had mediocre grades
- C had just scraped through
- D had done very well

3. **the apple of his eye**

- A his beloved wife
- B his family members
- C his favorite child
- D his many possessions

Mrs Lee and Mrs June are leaving for home after finishing their shopping.

Mrs Lee Oh, no ! It's **raining cats and dogs**. How on earth am I going to get to my car ?

Mrs June Where did you park your car ?

Mrs Lee In the open car park down the road. **I'll get drenched** if I try to run to it.

Mrs June Don't get so stressed, Mei. **It's just a passing cloud**. Let's have a cup of tea at that little cafe while waiting for the rain to stop.

Mrs Lee Good idea !

1. **raining cats and dogs**

- A drizzling slightly
- B raining very heavily
- C threatening to rain shortly
- D the thunder and lightning that scare the animals

2. **I'll get drenched**

- A I'll get completely wet
- B I'll slip and fall
- C I'll be very foolish
- D I'll be arrested

3. **It's just a passing cloud**

- A It's going to rain for days
- B The clouds are gathering overhead
- C It will stop raining soon.
- D The whole area is going to be flooded.