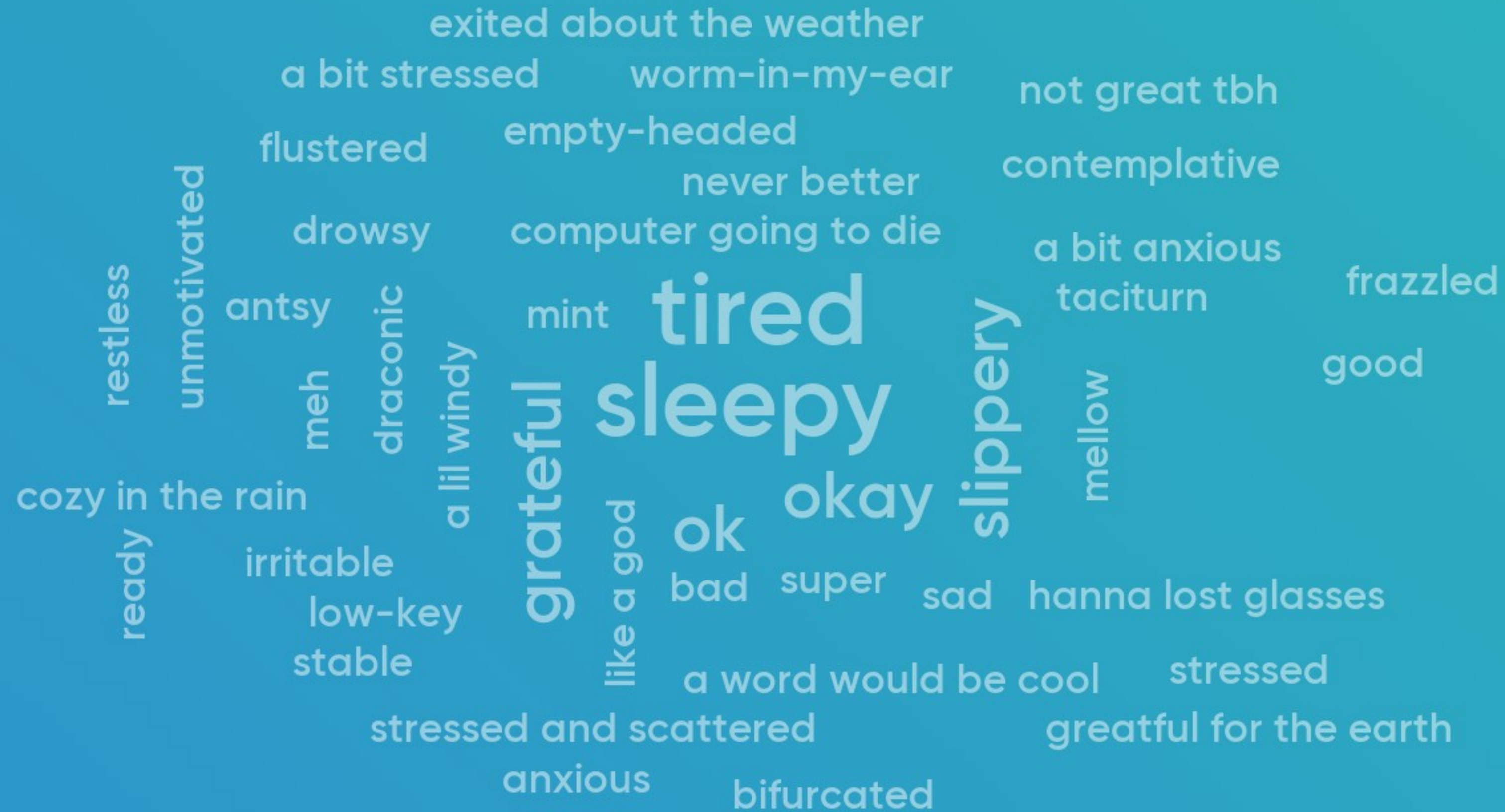


Hi. It's Monday of week four. It's raining. How are you feeling today?



What might it mean to say that something is *random*?

Unexpected, out of the blue

Don't ever get the same answer twice

unpredictable

breaks expectations

Unpredictable

unpredictable

no pattern

unprecedented

Variable

What might it mean to say that something is *random*?

Unpredictable. Initial conditions don't reliably predict outcome.

there's no plan

not common

unplanned

nondeterministic

never repeats

queer

uncontrollable

It does not follow an identifiable rule

What might it mean to say that something is *random*?

Up to chance

No possibility of prediction

Elements of chance, non-deterministic

I think something is random when there is no apparent reason for its cause, no conditions to look at to see how it came to be

Unexpected and with the same answer being an unlikely occurrence.

unknown

there is no deterministic outcome, or rule that explains the outcome, unless the rule is randomness?

Highly dependent

an eclectic combination or scattering of any witch thing that doesn't seem to follow any particular guidance

What might it mean to say that something is *random*?

silly

wild, wicked, wacky

unpredictable and/or irregular

unrepeatable

chance and unplanned

something that doesn't seem to fit with our expectations of the world

things that happen independent of someones or somethings control

ME

aperiodicity and no known predicting function

What might it mean to say that something is *random*?

uncontrollable

spontaneous

infinite possibilities, opportunities and chances

life

Randomness is: the grandchild who is watching the world instead of listening to me. It is the creative power that makes mutation and progress possible. It is the surprise that refuses to make excuses.

What might randomness mean...

What might randomness mean?

Feel like?

Look like?

Be metaphorical or poetic if you wish.

We'll now do a structured
listening/sharing exercise.



Listening/Sharing: Break into groups of 2 or (at most) 3

1. Person A speaks for 1.5 minutes on what randomness might mean.
2. Person B listens, makes some notes, and asks short friendly questions if needed.
3. Person A and B switch roles
4. Each person spends a minute looking over their notes .
5. Share with the other person a few phrases from what they said, some images or words that stood out, seemed salient or interesting.
6. Each person writes a sentence, starting with "Randomness is".

Randomness is:

Randomness is the opposite of determinism

beyond the human perspective.

not dictated by a system!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

randomness is a natural, unpredictable phenomenon with implications for the concept of free will.

sometimes good, sometimes bad; it depends on the circumstances.

Hot and sexy

Predictable but hard to understand

human

A fake concept

Randomness is:

practically independent of its cause and coincidental

randomness is a natural phenomenon (lightning!?) that is hard to replicate purely and entirely unpredictable

something that can be beautiful and something we try to prepare for but never really can

Randomness is distinctly different from chaos

everything

the magic that we dont want to believe as such

A surprise that needs to be familiar enough so that its not frightening but foreign enough so it sparks confusion.

A change in a pattern that is not what we expected, while also conveying a sense of surprise. A difference in how you expect something to act or react to something.

the word we slap onto things around us that don't seem to follow our expectations, don't seem to have a plan or purpose, or exist in patterns beyond our comprehension.

Randomness is:

Impossible

Randomness is outside of cause and effect and happens for no known or unknown reason

caused by influences without control

randomness is a thread of certainty that a part of our universe will always be unplanned and equally random to everything within it.

The unseen Synchronicity that we can't predict

Unexpected, out of the blue happenings that happen in every part of life that don't have any rules for why they are the way they are

Unexpected out of the blue happenings that don't have any rules for why they are the way they are

a matter of perspective, meaning that anything may seem random from our perspective but might have an order or pattern completely beyond our understanding, or may have a purpose without needing a pattern. It is the unknown and may exist or not exist

randomness is aperiodicity (with no known deterministic function?) - never exactly repeating at infinite detail

Randomness is:

randomness has no implications for free will

Potentially nonexistent, can't be proved without omnipotence

scary

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life

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