

# Abashment-Fury



Offer a shoe to a member of the delegation visiting from Alpha Centauri and it instinctively knows what to do with it. The same is true for grits, motorboats, isosceles triangles, fogdogs, scratch 'n sniff patches, intransitive verbs, and antigravity. But give a common percale sheet to ten of them to share. Suddenly, their faces grow blank (not easy for an Alpha Centaurian) and they get wholly discombulated, finally draping it over themselves in an act of what looks like abashment, but which is instead, regrettably, unmitigated alien fury.