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看来奥林匹克运动会可以被重新命名为哭泣运动会了：2012伦敦奥运会的流泪场面就充分显示了这一点。BBC记者 Beth McLeod有以下报道：

As the national anthem of the Dominican Republic played, Felix Sanchez cried **uncontrollably**. The winner of the 400 metre hurdles took deep breaths, trying to regain his **composure**, but his bottom lip continued to wobble and his tears continued to flow. He is not the only one to have shown his soft side at London 2012. **Countless** athletes across all **disciplines** have been weeping on **podiums**. Former Olympic table tennis player Matthew Syed says this wellspring of emotion is understandable.

Matthew Syed, Former Olympic table tennis player:

*This is one of the great joys of the Olympics. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience emotional intensity, for us as viewers, for the athletes too. And when you **deconstruct** what they've gone through to get to this the stage; the sacrifices, all of the hardships, the ambitions, the **neurosis**, that is bound up in that moment, you can kind of understand why it gets too much for them.*

All that pressure leads to tears of despair as well. The Chinese weightlifter, Wu Jingbao, said he was ashamed for **disgracing** the motherland after failing to win gold. And the Olympic hosts - famed for their **stiff upper lip** - have been **choking up** along with the

best of them. The British Olympic champions Victoria Pendleton, Chris Hoy, and Jess Ennis, all wept openly as they collected their medals.

Questions

1. What music was being played when Felix Sanchez cried uncontrollably?
2. What does the phrase '**soft side**' mean in the following sentence? 'He is not the only one to have shown his soft side at London 2012.'
3. A or B? When you **deconstruct** something you A: analyse it. B: demonstrate it.
4. People from which nation are famous for their stiff upper lip?

Vocabulary and definitions

uncontrollably	难以控制的
composure	沉着镇静
countless	数不清的
disciplines	(比赛) 项目
podiums	领奖台
deconstruct	解析
neurosis	恐惧症, 神经官能症
disgracing	丢人的, 不体面的
stiff upper lip	克制情绪, 不露感情

choking up	因感情冲动而哽咽
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Answers to the questions

1. What music was being played when Felix Sanchez cried uncontrollably?

Answer: *The national anthem of the Dominican Republic.*

2. What does the phrase '**soft side**' mean in the following sentence? 'He is not the only one to have shown his soft side at London 2012.'

Answer: *Emotional side.*

3. A or B? When you **deconstruct** something you A: analyse it. B: demonstrate it.

Answer: *A. analyse it.*

4. People from which nation are famous for their stiff upper lip?

Answer: *Great Britain.*