Word to the Day – Naïve

Transcript

Hi Everyone. This is Paul, again. Today's word of the day is **naïve**. **Naïve** is an adjective and the definition of naive would involve showing simplicity or being unsophisticated; showing a lack of experience, judgment or information.

So what does that mean?

So simply, synonyms of **naïve** include childlike, trusting, and being simple-minded.

So here are two examples that I can give you. How about, for example, your friend read in a magazine that WIFI, wireless internet, causes headaches. You don't believe her so would say to her,

"Ah, you are very naïve to think that way. Don't believe everything you hear."

So in this way when you use **naïve** as an adjective you are describing your friend as being very simple minded. So she just read something once and totally believed it. The other situation is from my own experience. I lived in a very small town in Canada called Harrison Hot Springs[1]. And there were less than 500 people who live there. So when I moved to big city like Vancouver, my mother was very worried. So she said something like this,

"Paul is so young and naïve. I hope no one takes advantage of him. He cannot surive in the big city by himself. "

In this way my mother is describing me as having a lack of experience and she's worried that, me, having a lack of experience will make me have a hard life in Vancouver. Please be aware that there was another word before called gullible which is similar to this. But **naïve** is more of a lack of experience and gullible is being too trusting. So for more information you can go to Practicus.co.kr where you can always find the full transcript. Have a great day and take care.

[1] Google Map Link to Harrison Hot Springs