

Word of the Day - Silly

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **silly**. When we hear the word **silly** it can actually mean two things. One, it can be negative or, two, it can be positive. So what does **silly** really mean? So first, **silly** means to be lacking sense, not being sensible, being weak minded or foolish, and it's less severe compared to the words absurd or outrageous. And I can use it in this way, in a negative way,

**"The silly notions that women do not have the right to vote in some countries should be done away with permanently."**

So here, these ideas or notions I'm called **silly** but really I'm saying they're absurd or outrageous and that I can't believe someone actually believes them. So that's how I'm including my opinion. And here's another example of a negative way to use the word **silly**,

**"It's just plain silly that no one stands up to my daughter's teacher's ridiculous requests so I scheduled a meeting with the principal to discuss her behavior."**

So usually when I use the word **silly** in this negative way, I'm pairing it with other words like absurd or outrageous or ridiculous. And the second way you can use the word **silly** is in a goofy or funny in positive way. Here's an example,

**"Bobby was the class clown and he always made everyone laugh. He knew how to do impressions of famous actors, pitch his voice, and just plain act goofy. He was never serious so when he was accepted into Harvard everyone was shocked. They always assumed he was just silly, not witty or clever."**

And here's another example in which you can use the word silly in a positive way,

**"The show entitled 'The Office' was originally created and produced in England but because it showed the silly and ridiculous aspects of office life it quickly became a hit in America as well."**

So I hope you can use the word **silly** in either a negative or a positive way in your everyday lives. Thank you for listening to Practicast. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.