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Word of the Day – **Backfire**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **backfire**. **Backfire** is commonly used as a verb. It has a negative connotation. Also it can be used informally or formally.

To understand the definition of **backfire**, let's think of using a gun. When you shoot a bullet out of a gun, you "fire" a gun. You want the bullet to come out of the gun away from you. If a gun "**backfires**" then the bullet does not come out of the gun and the gun explodes in your hand, usually hurting you in the process. You can think of it as "firing" "backwards". So ... the result was the opposite of what you expected.

Usually the most common noun that we use with **backfire** is a plan. Let's take for example, you want to date a very pretty girl. You are planning to ask her on a date with flowers. But when you try to give her the flowers, she says she is allergic and runs away. You can say,

"My plan backfired. I wanted these flowers to make her kiss me, not make sure run away from me."

So in this case, you expected that the flowers would have a positive reaction but instead you got a negative reaction. Remember, you can use **backfire** with plans, projects, compliments, and of course dates.

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