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Word of the Day – **Egocentric**

Transcript

The word of the day today is **egocentric**. **Egocentric** is an adjective. This is not a positive word. This describes someone who is only concerned with themselves and no one else. Someone who is **egocentric** can also be described as selfish and self-centered.

For example, let's say you've met someone for the first time at a party. Generally, there is some give-and-take in conversation. That is you ask about that person and vice versa. There is a dialogue and mutual interest in getting to know one another. However, this person is **egocentric**. He does not ask any questions about you and talks incessantly about his own life. He goes on and on about how wonderful his life is and how successful his career is going. After nearly an hour, you finally manage to escape. In this instance, this person is so **egocentric** he hardly notices that he is making a faux pas. That is, he is being completely rude in this social setting.

In another example, let's say you are meeting some colleagues for coffee. You have all agreed to meet at a café after lunch. However, one colleague is adamant on going to a specific café that is out of the way; this café is only convenient for him and no one else. To make the matter worse, he is thirty minutes late, curtailing everyone's time to catch up. And when he does finally show up he selects a table in the smoking section, despite the fact that one other colleague had just quit smoking. You could then describe this person as an **egocentric** person, to say the least.

I hope you find this word useful in expressing your thoughts more clearly. For more information you can find the script at Practicus.co.kr.