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Word of the Day – **Bluff**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **bluff**. **Bluff** can be used as a verb and a noun. Feel free to use in formal and casual conversations. It has a slightly negative connotation because it deals with deceiving or deception.

The definition of **bluff** means to mislead someone by displaying false strength and confidence through body language or lying. Basically, what this means is that you are tricking someone else into thinking you have an advantage, when really you have none. So when you are "**bluffing**" you are intentionally trying to deceive that other person.

This word is very common in the gambling game of poker. In poker, no one else can see your cards. Therefore you want to make the impression that you have the best cards on the table. If you can push around and convincingly **bluff** the other players, then you can win the most amount of money. For example, you are playing Texas Hold'em poker with your friend. Unfortunately, you have the worst cards in your hand: a 7 and a 2. But, you are going to **bluff** and try to convince your friend that you have very good cards. So, you bet all your money into the middle of the table. Your friend is scared and thinks you have two aces. He folds and you win. Afterwards, you show him your bad cards and he is shocked. He can say,

"You were bluffing. You didn't have anything! I could have easily beaten you and won."

And in response you can say, **"Well you shouldn't have fallen for my bluff. Next time you should call my bluff."**

Remember, "**calling someone's bluff**" means to challenge someone to see if they are **bluffing** you. If you would like more information or the full transcript, please go to Practicus.co.kr. Thank you very much and take care.