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Word of the Day – **Antsy**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **antsy**. **Antsy** is an adjective. You should use this word when describing people in casual conversations. It has a negative connotation but it isn't considered an insult. The word "**antsy**" means to be unable to sit or stand still. Usually when a person is **antsy** they look apprehensive or nervous. Again, the word is usually used in informal situations and the pronunciation of the word is slightly playful, therefore you should not use it in a serious tone.

A good way to remember this word is to imagine how a person who act if they were covered in little tiny ants. A normal person would be in discomfort with so many insects crawling over their skin. And that is the feeling and body language you are describing with the word **antsy**.

For example, you are riding on the subway and see a young boy with his mother. They are sitting down but you can see that the little boy looks uncomfortable despite having a seat. He plays with his clothes, he bugs his mother, and continues to move around without pause. You can say that the child is **antsy** and then just wants to jump up and run around like many young children like to do.

Another good situation to use the word **antsy** is when someone is anxious or in anticipation. Let's say you're in line with a friend to see a new movie. You're friend has been waiting for weeks to see the movie and you can see he is very excited. He cannot wait to get in the theatre. You see that he keeps playing with his ticket. He can't keep his stands still. He keeps fidgeting around and can't stop looking at his watch. You can say he's very **antsy**.

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