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Word of the Day – **Pester**

Transcript

The word of the day today is **pester**. **Pester** is a verb. This word is not a positive word. This word describes someone's actions that are repeatedly annoying.

For instance, let's say you promised your younger brother that you would buy him some ice cream on the way home from work. However, you are caught up at work and you are on a tight schedule. Every second counts. Meanwhile your brother keeps texting you, asking where you are and whether you remember what kind of ice cream he likes. Given you have more important things on your mind, you assure him that you do, and to stop sending text messages. But still he texts you every ten minutes and you begin to reconsider. You threaten that if he continues to **pester** you about the ice cream, you may not buy him any at all.

In another example, let's say you are inviting some friends over for a house warming party. You have made sure to clean and arrange everything so it looks presentable. Your roommate is also excited to show off the place and keeps double-checking to make sure nothing is amiss. As the time gets closer to everyone's arrival, your roommate starts to **pester** you, asking if you definitely gave the proper directions. You tell her you have. But when you receive a call from your friend saying she will be late, your roommate assumes it's because of your poor directions. She starts to ask you again about the directions, and continues to **pester** you until everyone arrives.

I hope you find this word useful in expressing your thoughts more clearly. For more information you can find the script on our website.