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Word of the Day – **Bogus**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **bogus**. **Bogus** is an adjective. **Bogus** should be only be used in casual or informal situations. It is not a very proper word that is used in formal situations. The word **bogus** has a negative connotation and often its usage is meant to be insulting. For many English speakers, even the pronunciation sounds funny so please remember not to use it in serious situations.

The definition of **bogus** is used to describe something that is not real or genuine, something that is fake or counterfeit. It's an adjective to indicate if something is phony or untrue. For example, your friend is late in meeting you for coffee. When she does come almost hours after you were supposed to meet, she tries to tell you a story explaining why she is late. She says that a thief stole her handbag and she had to chase after him. You immediately know that her story is not true and that she is just lying as an excuse. You can say,

“Hey! That’s a bogus story. I know you were late because you slept in and spent too much time putting on make-up. Just tell me the truth. I won’t get mad. Everyone’s late once in a while.”

Other common nouns that you can comfortably use with **bogus** include a **bogus deal**, a **bogus caller**, **bogus money**, or a **bogus excuse**. If you would like more information or the full transcript, please visit our website. Thank you very much and take care.