

Word of the Day – **Curt**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **curt**. **Curt** is an adjective. You'll find it used more often in formal situations rather than casual conversations. It has a negative connotation but it is a more respectful way to say a bad thing about someone.

The definition of **curt** is speaking in a very brief and almost rude manner. Most of the time, you'll find that this is a description of a person's reply or response. For example, you are shopping at a department store. Korean department stores like Lotte and Shensegae have a great reputation for amazing customer service. Unfortunately, on your visit you find that the salesman at the clothing department is not very helpful. You politely ask him about what's on sale and if they have any new outfits for the summer fashion season. He only answers you in short sentences and even looks like he is annoyed by your questions. Your feelings are hurt and you want to complain to the store manager. You can say,

**“Excuse me, but I'd like to make a formal complaint about the service I received today. I felt that the salesman other there was not very helpful at all, as all his answers were curt and condescending.”**

Other similar phrases include saying “he was very short with me” or “he was very abrupt with me”.

Also keep in mind that some people are named “**Curt**” but none of the names carry that negative connotation. If you would like more information or the full transcript, please visit our website. Thank you very much and take care.