

Word of the Day – **Hubris**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **hubris**. **Hubris** is a noun. It is not commonly used in casual conversation but can comfortably be used in formal settings. It has a negative connotation and can be considered insulting when used to describe others. The definition of **hubris** is showing excessive pride or self-confidence, so much so that it gives the impression of arrogance. Another fact you should know is that the origin of this word comes from ancient Greek mythology. Often Greek characters, that are human, exhibited **hubris** against their gods which often ended in tragedy for them. So in that same spirit, you should use **hubris** when a person because of their lack of humility comes to a bad end.

When a person has **hubris** they are very overconfident in their abilities. They overestimate their strengths and forget their weaknesses. So you can think that people with **hubris** are in their own little world or bubble, where they think they are the best and cannot make a mistake. For example, say you have a very smart friend who is going to take his university entrance exam. Unfortunately, he's so confident in his past successes that he feels he doesn't need to study. He believes he'll get perfect score no matter what. Inevitably, he fails his exams and has to go to summer school. At this point you can say,

“Even though he's intelligent, it was his hubris that made him fail his tests. If he wasn't so cocky and arrogant, he could have gotten into a really good school.”

The adjective form of this word is **hubristic** but it's rarely used. It can also describe who doesn't accept help since they consider others weaker than themselves. If you would like more information or the full transcript, please visit our website. Thank you very much and take care.