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Word of the Day – Profanity

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **profanity**. **Profanity** is a noun. The meaning of **profanity** is very simple: bad words.

There are many synonyms for the word **profanity**: swear words, curse words, dirty words. They all mean the same thing. They are words that society, in general, believes should not be said. Usually people use **profanities** when they are angry, or in pain, or maybe if they are trying to be humorous.

The base word in **profanity** is the adjective '**profane**', which means irreverence or treating something holy and special in an unholy, regular way. So you can see that when someone uses a **profanity**, it means they are talking about sacred things in the wrong way. Usually when people say **profanities**, it is usually in reference to religion, or sex, or bodily functions: the things people feel strongly about.

Almost all of the English **profanities** are in reference to these things. But French **profanities** usually have to do with religion, while Russian **profanity** have to do with bodily functions like going to the toilet. Feel free to do your own internet search, if you want to learn some English **profanities**. But there are also **profane gestures** you can make with your body. In North America, we give people the middle finger. In the UK, it is a backwards peace sign, made with the index and middle finger.

People that use **profanities** too often usually make people feel uncomfortable. People use **profanities** only around close friends. If you would like more information, or the full transcript, please go to Practicus.co.kr. Thank you very much and take care.