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Virtues in English part#2

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Hi, everybody! I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

In this episode:

We're going to continue to learn **virtues in English**. Maybe we'll discover that we possess those virtues by the end of the episode, with a bit of luck.

In the second part of the show, you'll practice your English with a new mini-story with questions and answers related to **virtues**.

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Ok. In a previous episode, I talked about these four virtues:

- **Loyalty**
- **Sensitivity**
- **Serenity**
- **Resilience**

Today, we will look at four more **virtues** that I will further discuss and give examples. We will all end up very virtuous :)

Let's start!

1. Gratitude

Okay, this is a virtue that is lacking in our society. It involves giving thanks, either in word or with an action. That is, you can reciprocate with **gratitude** to someone by helping them with something, or by showing kindness, etc. From the word **gratitude**, we get the word **grateful**.

Example:

"Pam has **no gratitude** towards her parents. Her parents saved all their lives so she could go to college. But she dropped out of college to travel the world with a backpack. "

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And while Pam surely has a great time, she has been very **ungrateful** towards her parents.

Let's look at the next one:

2. Perseverance

Well, this word I think is easy to remember. It means to be persistent in some projects, which typically may take quite some time. It is an essential virtue since it takes a lot of **perseverance** to achieve most things in life. We can take the example of athletes, who need to train every day at a very high level. This is very hard, and it requires **perseverance**.

An **example**. Imagine yourself in a job interview:

- What is your greatest virtue?
- I am perseveran...presea...pers...perseverant person!

:) Now that's a **persevering** person :)

Let's see the next one:

3. Courage

We can also use the word **bravery** instead of **courage**. A person with **courage** confronts danger without being afraid and even transforms it into determination. Many times **courage** is exhibited with passion. It can be found in soldiers, police officers, firefighters, ... But we can also find **courage** in any person and situation.

An **example**:

- Tom had the **courage** to ask for a raise.
- And did he get it?
- No. Now he is looking for a job.

And last but not least:

4. Prudence

Although courage and **prudence** seem like opposites, they are not. A **prudent** person is not a fearful or frightened person. They simply do not act impulsively. They avoid unnecessary risks. They act with caution. It is quite similar to **wisdom**. The difference I think, is subtle. A **prudent** person tends to have good

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judgment. That is, to make good decisions. A **prudent** person simply tries to avoid potentially dangerous situations by not acting impulsively.

For example:

A ship was sailing at sea when a fire broke out. The captain asks everyone to leave the ship immediately. A passenger is about to jump into the sea, but his very **prudent** wife tells him: "Tony, wait 1 hour, we just ate and we haven't even digested yet."

Well, this example has a certain humor. Sometimes an excess of **prudence** is not very wise :)

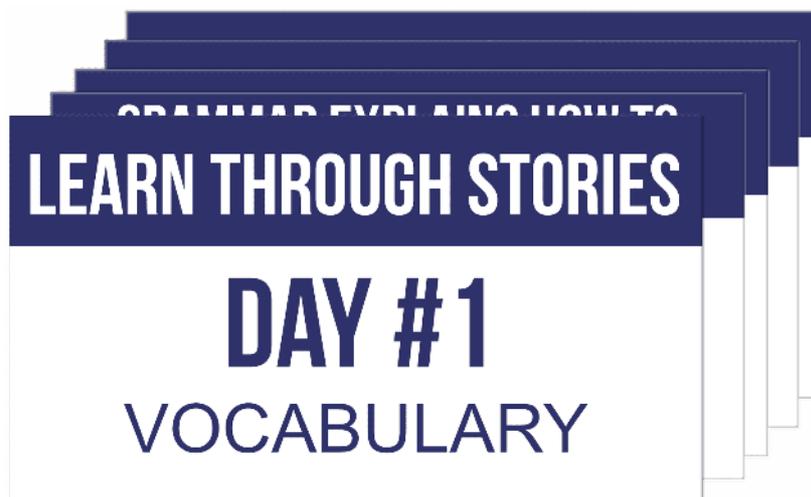
What do you think? Do you have all the virtues, only some of them, or are you lacking in **virtuosity**?

Ok. Today we have talked about these four **virtues**:

- Gratitude**
- Perseverance**
- Courage**
- Prudence**

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Ok! Now it's time for you to practice your speech with a mini-story.

Mini-Story

(Practice your speaking)

What's a mini-story?

A mini-story is very simple. I give you information using phrases, and then I ask you questions.

After each question, there will be some seconds of silence: it's your turn to answer the question!

Just try to give an easy and short answer. Not a complex one.

After your answer, I'll give you the correct answer.

And just like that, I'll tell a story with questions and answers.

Are you ready?

Jim and his wife Pam agree to dine at a fine restaurant.

Do they agree to go out to dine or stay home?

They agree to go out to dine.

Who agrees to have dinner?

Jim and his wife, Pam. They agree to have dinner.

Where do they agree to have dinner?

At a fine restaurant.

Jim orders soup as first course and a medium-rare steak as second course.

Does Jim order a pineapple pizza?

No, Jim doesn't order a pineapple pizza. Besides, they say pineapple on pizza is a terrible idea.

What does he order as first course?

Soup. He orders soup. He orders soup as first course.

And then he orders medium-rare steak for the second course.

How does he order the steak?

Medium-rare. For his second course, Jim orders medium-rare steak.

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When the waiter brings the soup, Jim sees a fly in it.

What does the waiter bring?

The soup. The waiter brings soup.

Does Jim see something in the soup?

Yes. He sees a fly. Jim sees a fly in the soup.

Does the fly eat all the soup?

No. The fly doesn't eat all the soup. It's just in the soup.

Jim complains to the waiter politely but firmly.

Does the waiter complain to Jim?

No. No. The waiter doesn't complain to Jim. Jim complains to the waiter.

Does Jim complain to the waiter or about the waiter?

Jim complains to the waiter, not about the waiter. He does it politely but firmly.

How does Jim complain?

Politely but firmly. That's how Jim complains.

The waiter changes Jim's soup and apologizes.

What does the waiter change?

The soup. The waiter changes Jim's soup.

Who's soup does the waiter change?

Jim's soup. The waiter changes Jim's soup.

Does the waiter apologize or ask for forgiveness?

Well, both. The waiter apologizes or asks for forgiveness, which is the same thing.

The restaurant owner, who has seen what happened, invites the couple to dinner for free.

Does the couple have to pay for dinner?

No, they don't have to pay. They can dine for free.

Who saw what happened?

The owner. The owner saw what happened.

Who is invited?

The couple. The couple is invited. Jim and his wife are the guests.

Perfect! It's the end of this mini-story. And as you can see, through questions and answers, you can practice and improve your speech just like in a **real conversation**.

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