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## **Episode #202**

Virtues in English part#2

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Hi, everybody! I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com](http://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 :)

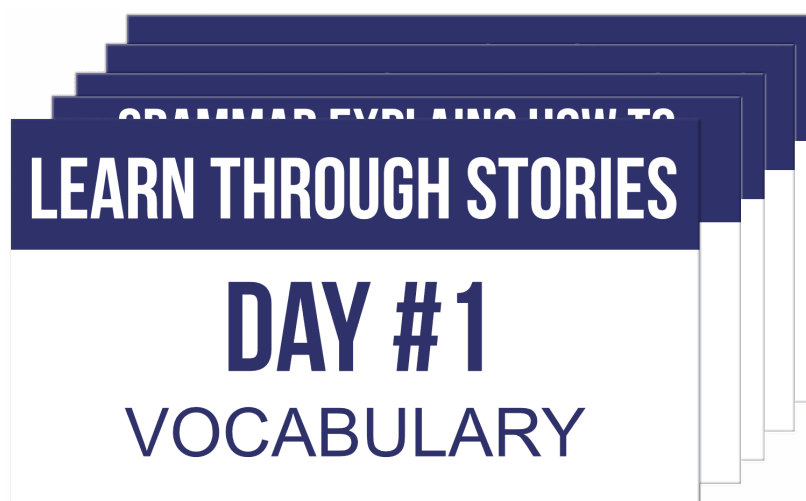
What do you think? Do you have all the virtues, only some of them, or are you lacking in **virtuosity**?

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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