

Lesson 6

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

Cursing

Humans have been employing curses and profane expressions for centuries. In fact, there are dictionaries devoted exclusively to swear words.

In recent years, the American public has grown tolerant of speech which includes words that were once considered offensive. A script for a movie is likely to be peppered with curses. We hear swear words from our coworkers, our television shows, and even in lyrics of music.

Some people only swear when they are annoyed, frustrated or angry. For others, excessive swearing becomes a bad habit.

Sometimes swear words are so overused in hackneyed phrases that they lack power.

Although these days you won't be ostracized if you curse frequently, your choice of words, as well as your tone of voice, still impact how you are viewed and judged by others.

Now there are web sites dedicated to helping people overcome their tendency to use repulsive words.