

VOCABULARY PRACTICE-Read the vocabulary word or phrase and example sentences. Discuss the different meanings and make up a sentence of your own with the word or phrase.

intimate

If you are intimate with someone you are very closely associated with them.

If you have an intimate dinner, it is a private dinner with someone you love or care deeply for

If you intimate something you suggest or imply something. (Note difference in pronunciation.)

Examples:

Charles and Mary are friendly but not intimate.

They are having an intimate dinner in a romantic restaurant to celebrate their engagement.

Were you intimate with Mrs. Brown? (In this case, the meaning is "had sex with")

The secretary intimated the president might be willing to see us if we could promise only to take five minutes.

inkling-a suspicion or hint.

She did not have an inkling of what was about to happen to her.

sway- a rhythmic movement from side to side or to attempt to control someone

The trees swayed in the wind. Don't be swayed by the media coverage.

carry weight- to be important

The senator's speech in favor of our project should carry a lot of weight with the committee.

inept- not skillful, clumsy

Due to her inept handling of the expense report, she was fired.

coarse- rough texture or rude and crude

The rug was made from coarse wool.

The man's coarse language showed that he was not a gentleman.

course- route or direction

Once you've set your course, don't change it.

sidelong glance- moving your eyes to the side to look at someone indirectly

He gave me a sidelong glance to let me know he was aware of my presence.

a backhanded compliment- a compliment that is actually an insult.

That dress is lovely. It really improves your figure. That was a backhanded compliment.

aloof- not friendly, cool and distant

I'm sure Cheryl is a nice person, but it is hard to know because she is always very aloof.

imperil- put at risk of being harmed

You'll imperil your chances of making a big salary if you don't finish your education.

fingers

Don't finger the merchandise, please. (touch)

The criminal fingered his partner in the murder. (informed on him)

I know there is something familiar about her, but I just can't put my finger on it. (remember)

Cheryl has her finger in many pies. (is active in many businesses or organizations)

I hope to get that job. Keep your fingers crossed. (hoping for good luck)

She wouldn't lift a finger to help me if I was drowning in front of her. (give even small amount of help)
The sticky fingered clerk got caught stealing dollar bills. (given to stealing)
Mother has worked her fingers to the bone preparing for Christmas dinner. (worn out her fingers)
Don't you lay a finger on my little girl! (don't touch)
Bob adores his granddaughters. They have him twisted around their little fingers. (under their control)
He put his forefinger on his nose. (the finger next to the thumb)
My daughter always wears a small silver pinky ring. (littlest finger)

slink-to move somewhere quietly and secretly

After being caught peaking into the women's restroom, he slunk bank into his office.

DISCUSS

1. Demonstrate some gestures you have in your country to express the following:

EX: good luck-cross your fingers

sure, OK

bad idea

that was a close call

I'm so frustrated

be quiet

stop

pride

you are an idiot!

Add any others to the list that I haven't thought of.

2. Did you have either of your parents twisted around your little finger when you were young? Do your kids have you twisted around their fingers?

3. Do men wear jewelry in your culture? Where do they most often wear jewelry?

UNSCRAMBLE THESE SENTENCES. Put the words in the right order.

1. father's what name your is

2. is box there that in what red

3. any you got colored have pencils

4. her got dolls has she a lot of room in

5. got have we money any not us with

6. nice they garden have their got roses in

7. the like today is what weather

8. the are people garden some there in