

Word of the Day – Stigma

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **stigma**. **Stigma** means to be blemished or to have negative opinion or notion or assumption toward someone or something. Generally, it's targeted towards minorities or minority group within society. And we can often hear the words paired **social stigma**. So I can use the word **stigma** when referring to a general negative notion or opinion that society holds and stigma is always negative. I can use **stigma** in a serious way. In one way I can say,

“There is a stigma in Korea against single moms and this prevents them from being able to keep jobs and being able to receive more welfare services.”

I can also use this towards homosexuals. **For instance in the US in the 1980's, homosexuals suffered social stigma and they were assumed to also be afflicted with HIV.**

So in this way, **stigma** can also be thought or pressure from society that is unjust. I hope you can use the word **stigma** in your everyday lives to explain the situations going on in your society.

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