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Word of the Day – **Blackmail**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **blackmail**. **Blackmail** can be used either as a noun or a verb. Blackmail has a negative connotation and feel free to use it in an informal and formal situation.

The definition of blackmail is act of forcing someone either through intimidation or threats, to do something for you. This is something that could be giving you money, forcing them to keep a secret or doing you a favor. It is considered a crime in many cases especially when there is money or corruption involved.

For example, you are married to your husband or wife but you are having an affair with another man or woman. Some strange man one day phones you and threatens you that if you do not give him \$10,000 then he'll tell your spouse. So you can say,

"This strange man is blackmailing me. I have to give him \$10,000 or he'll tell my wife that I am sleeping with another women. What am I going to do?"

So in this situation you are describing that you are a victim of **blackmail**. Remember, blackmail is used to describe situations where one person is basically saying, "DO THIS or I'll DO THIS TO YOU."

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