

Catch Word #17 – Wasted

Transcript

Robin: What is up everyone? This is your man Robin...

Harp: And Harp...

Robin: And we are back with the **Catch Word** podcast at Culips.com.

Harp: That is C-U-L-I-P-S.com. So, this is the podcast where we take one word and we describe it fully, explain how to use it and then we give synonyms.

Robin: You can check out all the Detailed Explanations on our website in the Lipservice section.

Harp: For sure, what is the special Catch Word today?

Robin: **“Wasted.”**

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Robin: **“Wasted.”**

Harp: OK so what is **“wasted”**?

Robin: **“Wasted”** means, for example, if I go out and I drink a whole bunch of alcohol I get **wasted**, so I am completely, completely drunk.

Harp: So, **wasted** is when you are **drunk**?

Robin: When you are completely **drunk**, completely, absolutely.

Harp: Not a little bit, completely.

Robin: You **are gone**.

Harp: So, I feel like you need to tell me about the last time that you were **wasted**.

Robin: The last time I was **wasted**, well, I was on a cruise ship, I was visiting one of my friends and he was working on this cruise ship and he had access to a lot of alcohol, he was friends with the people behind the bar and the first night I

got on and he took me to the bar and we drank and drank and drank and because of that I was pretty **wasted**.

Harp: Nice, I want to go on a cruise ship.

Robin: Yeah, you should come next time.

Harp: Yeah!

Robin: Yeah, yeah!

Harp: Excellent! OK, so now, "**wasted**" and "**drunk**," they have the same meaning.

Robin: Absolutely!

Harp: OK, so you can say the same thing, when you are **wasted** or when you are **drunk**, it is the same meaning. Would you agree?

Robin: Absolutely. When was the last time that you were **drunk** or **wasted**?

Harp: Well, the first time I think it is the funniest story.

Robin: OK.

Harp: Because the first time that I was **drunk**, I was 16 or 17, I think 17, and I was with some friends and I was **bowling**, so I was just playing, we were having a good time and someone brought out some alcohol and it was mixed with some Coca-Cola and I knew there was alcohol, I am not pretending to be innocent, but I didn't realize how much and I was so **pissed**, I was so **drunk**, and I didn't drink for, I think, two years after this because the **hangover** the next day was so bad .

Robin: Did you **vomit**? Did you **throw up**?

Harp: Maybe a couple of times.

Robin: Yuck!

Harp: So, in this example I use the word "**pissed**," which is the same thing as "**wasted**" and "**drunk**."

Robin: So, "**to be pissed**" is "**to be drunk**" is "**to be wasted**," all the same thing and there really is no difference.

- Harp: Yeah. The only concern that I would have is that for “**pissed**” it can sometimes mean when you are angry, so it depends on the context of the story. For example, in my story I said that I was very **pissed** and the next day I had a **hangover**, because I had a **hangover** you know that I was drinking not that I was angry. So a **hangover** is after you are **drunk**, after you are **pissed**, after you are **wasted**, your head hurts, your stomach hurts, you feel nauseous, you want to **throw up**.
- Robin: It is actually usually that next day after, after you have already consumed a lot of alcohol, after you have already gotten **wasted** or gotten **pissed**.
- Harp: Exactly, so now I think sometimes you get **wasted** because you start with the **pre-drinking**. Sometimes when you are **pre-drinking** you can feel **buzzed**.
- Robin: **Buzzed**.
- Harp: Which is not the same thing as **drunk** or **pissed** or **wasted**. “**Buzzed**” is when you are feeling a little bit of the alcohol. You have had a couple of drinks, maybe you have had two or three, not 10 or 11. So, you know you are feeling happy, I don’t know how else would you describe it?
- Robin: Yeah, I think that is about it, you are just... you have a smile on your face because you are not **wasted**, but your head is spinning a bit and you are feeling really nice.
- Harp: Yeah, exactly!
- Robin: So that would definitely be **buzzed** and I think that is about it.
- Harp: I think that is good.
- Robin: I hope you guys enjoyed it. I hope you guys learned a bit. If you need to learn more, come check out our website or even send us an email.
- Harp: So for sure, the website is Culips.com, C-U-L-I-P-S.com.
- Robin: For now this has been your man Robin...
- Harp: And Harp...
- Robin: And we are off! Take care.
- Harp: Bye everyone.

Detailed Explanation

Wasted

“**Wasted**” is used to describe someone who is very **drunk**. After a person drinks a lot of alcohol and starts acting strange, this person is **wasted**.

“**To waste**” is also a verb. Its meaning is different from “**drunk**.” “**To waste**” is to consume uselessly or to not use efficiently.

Here are a couple examples:

You are eating dinner but you made too much food. You throw the food into the garbage. This is **to waste** food.

You leave the television on when no one is watching TV. It **wastes** energy to have the TV on with no one watching.

We also use the expression “**to waste time**,” which means that we do not use the time we have appropriately. For example, you have a meeting and at the meeting everyone talks about their weekends and avoids discussing the real issues. We can say that the meeting was a **waste of time**.

Drunk

“**Drunk**” is the most common word used to describe someone who drank too much alcohol. It is also the past participle of the verb “to drink”: drink, drank, drunk.

I can say, “I have **drunk** too much coffee.” When used as a verb, it does not mean that you are **drunk** from alcohol. In this example, the person consumed too much coffee.

“Intoxicated” is a more formal term for “**drunk**.” There are many synonyms for “**drunk**” that we did not have time to mention in this episode. Here is a little list for you:

- blitzed
- blasted
- hammered
- inebriated
- liquored-up
- loaded
- obliterated
- plastered
- ripped
- sauced
- sloppy
- tanked
- tipsy
- under the influence
- wrecked

You are gone

“**You are gone**” is how Robin describes being “**wasted**.” This is another way to say that someone is **drunk**.

Like the expression suggests, “**you are gone**” is like saying that you are not there. Your head is not working. You are not thinking properly. Your body is there, but your head is “**gone**.”

When you are **drunk**, you are often not thinking properly. So, we can also say that someone “**is gone**” and it means that they are **drunk**.

Here are some examples:

She **was** so **gone** last night. I think she had 10 drinks!

By eight o'clock **he was gone**. He had started drinking at dinner.

Bowling

Bowling is a sport. This sport is played inside. You have pins at the end of a long alley and you roll the ball down the alley towards the pins. The goal of the game is to knock down the pins. If you knock down more pins you get more points, and more points wins the game.

Pissed

“**Pissed**” is another word for “**wasted**” or “**drunk**.” It means exactly the same thing.

There is one thing to be careful about with this word! “**Pissed**” can also mean “mad” or “angry.” For example, if someone says, “I was **pissed** last night,” we do not know if the person was mad or **drunk** because there is no context.

Here are some examples in context:

Someone hit my car while it was parked last night. I was so **pissed** when I saw it.

Last night, we started drinking at 7:00 p.m. I was so **pissed** by 10 o'clock.

Robin also says “I was **pissed drunk**.” Some people say both words together and then it is clear that the person was **drunk** and not mad.

“**Pissed**” is slang for “mad” and it is not polite to use it. Only use this word with good friends.

Hangover

A “**hangover**” is the horrible feeling you have the morning (or sometimes for the whole day) after you were **drunk**. If you have a **hangover**, you feel sick. You might have a headache or stomach ache. You might feel dizzy or weak. You might feel like you want to **throw up** (see this explanation below).

If you have a **hangover**, you can be described as “**hungover**.” “**Hungover**” is the adjective.

Vomit / Throw up

“**To vomit**” and “**to throw up**” have the same meaning. They both mean that you get sick in the toilet. (This is not fun to explain!) When you feel sick and your food or drink comes back up and out your mouth, this is “**to vomit**.”

“**To vomit**” is the more technical way to say this. “**To throw up**” is the more casual or familiar way that people talk about this.

If you want to be more indirect (because this is not a polite subject to talk about), you can say, “I **got sick**.” This is a more indirect way to say that you **vomited**. For example, “I **got sick** yesterday morning.”

Also to say “**to bring up**” is a more polite way to say “**to vomit**.” For example, “I **brought up** my lunch.”

Here is a list of slang ways to say “**vomit**.” We have a lot. This is usually used more by teenagers, or when you are explaining something in a funny way.

- To hurl
- To puke
- To heave
- To upchuck
- To spit up
- To spew

Yuck

We use the word “**yuck**” when something is gross or disgusting. (We are going to have a new episode on the words “gross” and “disgusting” soon!)

Pre-drinking

“**Pre-drinking**” is the name for drinking that people do before they go to the bar. Some times friends gather at one person’s home and drink alcoholic drinks before they go out. “**Pre-drinking**” is usually done to save money. It is much cheaper to drink alcohol at home than at the bar. Drinks can be quite expensive in a bar.

Another reason people “**pre-drink**” with their friends is to meet earlier in the night. Many bars do not become fun until 11:00 p.m. So, the friends get together to drink earlier and then go to the bar at 11:00 p.m.

Buzzed

“**Buzzed**” is simply described as being a little **drunk**. At this point you feel the effects of the alcohol a little bit.

When you are **buzzed**, you are at the beginning stages of being **drunk** and if you continue to drink alcohol, you will get **drunk**. Some people just have a couple drinks and get “a **buzz**” and then stop drinking. Not everyone likes to get completely **wasted**.

Quiz (see the answers at the bottom of this Lipservice)

1. **“Wasted” and “pissed” are both slang terms for “drunk.” What is the formal term for “drunk”?**
 - a) toxic
 - b) fixated
 - c) inundated
 - d) intoxicated

2. **In which sport do you roll a special ball down an alley to knock down pins?**
 - a) balling
 - b) bowling
 - c) bagging
 - d) alleyball

3. **“Pissed” has two meanings. One is “very drunk.” What is the other meaning?**
 - a) mad
 - b) crazy
 - c) sad
 - d) depressed

4. **Jon: Heather was so wasted last night. She was drinking all night long.
Ted: How did she feel the next day?
Jon: Not too good. She had such a _____.**

Please fill in the blank.

- a) overhang
- b) hangover
- c) bowling
- d) hammered

5. Heather: That night was fun, but I felt so sick the next day.
Pete: Oh, that's too bad. I hope you didn't _____.

Please fill in the blank.

- a) throw down
- b) throw up
- c) thrown in
- d) throw out

6. What is it called when you are just starting to drink and feel a little drunk?

- a) blitzed
- b) bugged
- c) buzzed
- d) busted

Answers: 1.d 2.b 3.a 4.b 5.b 6.c