

Catch Word #19 – Have a crush

Transcript

Maura: Hello everyone, this is your pal Maura...

Robin: And Robin...

Maura: And this is the **Catch Word** podcast at Culips.com.

Robin: Indeed, and in this podcast we like to take one idea and work with it, so we'll take an expression and we'll talk about similar expressions.

Maura: And if you want to know any more about this episode or any other episode, you can always go to our website, click on Lipservice and find the transcript, more explanations, and quizzes too.

Robin: Absolutely! Culips.com, C-U-L-I-P-S.com, now what's today's expression?

Maura: Today's expression is: **“to have a crush”** or **“to have a crush on someone.”**

Robin: **“To have a crush on someone,”** now what does that mean, Maura?

Maura: Well, it means you **like** someone more than a friend. Usually you find them good-looking, attractive, funny, smart, all those good things, yeah?

Robin: OK, so, for example, there could be someone sitting in your class and you don't know them, but you might **have a crush on them**.

Maura: For sure.

Robin: You want **to get to know them**. You think they might be an interesting person, and you feel all warm and excited when you think about them.

Maura: Yeah, it sounds like you've had some **crushes**!

Robin: Me? I don't know. Actually, I can remember one when I was young, when I was, I think, five years old.

Maura: Tell us!

- Robin: I was in **kindergarten** and I had this wonderful teacher named Mrs. Carter. She was married, so it wouldn't have worked out between us. And I remember we went out to see some **fireworks**, my family and I, and we **bumped into** her at **Ontario place**, a place in Ontario. I remember my heart was jumping in my chest because I ran into her, but she was a really wonderful teacher, really wonderful person, and because of that I think I got excited when I thought about her.
- Maura: Yeah, for sure. So, yeah, **a crush** isn't usually very serious, so it can be between, like Robin's case, a kid, a child, and maybe even an adult. It is innocent; it's not serious.
- Robin: Absolutely. Are there any other sorts of expressions that we can use that are similar?
- Maura: Yeah, for sure, **to have feelings for a person**, it's a little bit like **having a crush**, but maybe it's the beginning of a relationship, it could be that you just met someone, you are **getting to know** them, and you think you **like** them a little bit, yeah.
- Robin: OK, so, for example, you have a co-worker and you are talking to this person a lot on the telephone, and it starts off just being work conversations, but then you start talking about more personal things, spending time, having dinner. Then you're getting close to falling in love with that person. That would be like **to have feelings for that person**.
- Maura: Right, so that person could say "Oh, I **have feelings for** my co-worker." So you're starting **to really be interested in them**. So, "**to be interested in a person**" is another way to say that you **have feelings for them** or **have a crush on them**.
- Robin: **To be interested in someone**.
- Maura: Exactly, **to be interested in them**. **Are you interested in anyone** right now?
- Robin: **Am I interested in anyone** right now? Yes, I am.
- Maura: But I won't say whom.
- Robin: I'm not going to say who, no.

- Maura: Right! Because, of course, it's just the beginning, you don't want to **ruin** it, you don't want to talk about it, so usually at the beginning you just **have feelings for them, you are interested in them**, but it's not a relationship yet.
- Robin: Indeed! And lastly, are there any other expressions that are connected to "**be interested in**," "**to have feelings for**," or "**to have a crush on**"?
- Maura: Well, you could also simply say you **like** the person.
- Robin: OK!
- Maura: Yeah, I **like** them. It usually means that it is a romantic feeling. You can say "I like my friend," but if you say, "I **like** Henry in my geometry class," it usually means that it's a romantic feeling, not just as a friend.
- Robin: Absolutely!
- Maura: Yeah, so that was to **like** someone, usually it can be romantic if you use it in that way, or **to be interested in, to have feelings for**, and the more innocent, **to have a crush on someone**.
- Robin: Absolutely! OK, so I think that about **wraps it up**, eh?
- Maura: Sure does.
- Robin: OK, thank you for joining us at Culips for our Catch Word podcast.
- Maura: Yeah, and be sure to check out our website too, it's C-U-L-I-P-S.com.
- Robin: Dot com, and once again, this has been your man Robin...
- Maura: And Maura...
- Robin: And we're signing off, take care.
- Maura: See you later!

Detailed Explanation

To have a crush on someone

If you feel happy and excited when you think about someone who you're just getting to know, you think they're really good-looking, and you'd really like to go on a date with them, you probably **have a crush on** that person! **To have a crush on someone** isn't as serious as being in love with them, but it might be the beginning of something that could turn into love. Or it might just pass and you will forget all about them.

The expression is always **"to have a crush."** We have a verb, "to crush," but it does not have the same meaning. "To crush" means to press or squeeze something until it changes shape. It is quite different!

To get to know

"To get to know" a person means that you are just beginning to know a person. At this time, you don't know the person very well, maybe you just met them. When you are **getting to know** a person, you talk to them about what they like and don't like, and about their life experiences.

Here are some more examples:

Right now, I am **getting to know** him and I **like** him more and more every day.

Sally: So, do you **like** her now?

Shannon: Since I have **gotten to know** her, I do **like** her.

Kindergarten

"Kindergarten" is a word used in Canada, the USA, and Australia to talk about the one or two years of school before "real school" starts. Kids in **kindergarten** are usually four to six years old.

In Quebec, the first year of **kindergarten** is called "pre-maternelle" and the second is called "maternelle." These are French words, but in Quebec, people use them when they're speaking English too.

The word **"kindergarten"** is actually a German word that is used in English too! It means "children's garden" in English, but we only say **"kindergarten."**

Fireworks

Robin says that he saw **fireworks** with his family when he was a kid.

Fireworks are explosives used for entertainment that create loud sounds and bright lights in the sky used for entertainment. In the summer in Montreal, we have an international **fireworks** competition. Every week, and sometimes twice a week, there is a **fireworks** show.



People use **fireworks** around the world to celebrate. In Canada, we usually have **fireworks** on Canada Day (July 1) and Victoria Day (celebrated on the Monday on or before May 24).

Smaller versions of **fireworks** are “firecrackers.” **Fireworks** are much bigger and more professional. Firecrackers are smaller and people can use these at home during certain holidays. In Canada, firecrackers are illegal, except for special holidays.

Note: We can also use the term “**fireworks**” to mean that there is a special love connection between two people. We didn’t use it this way in the episode, but it is also possible.

Here is an example:

Jane: Were there any **fireworks** on your date?

Billy: Yes, we talked all night!

To bump into someone

The phrase “**to bump into someone**” can have two different meanings. The literal meaning is that you actually walk right into someone, hitting their body with yours. Maybe you should watch where you’re going!

But the other meaning of “**to bump into someone**,” which is how Robin meant it in this podcast, is that you unexpectedly see someone you know and stop to talk to them.

Similar to the literal meaning of “**to bump into someone**,” you could also say that you “**ran into someone**” if you were actually running and you hit them. Wow, you really should watch where you’re going!

Here are some examples of “**to bump into someone**” and “**to run into someone**”:

I was walking around downtown on the weekend and I **bumped into** Steve.

Jack couldn’t believe he just **ran into** Lindsay. He had just been thinking about her.

Ontario Place

Robin mentioned that he **bumped into** his **kindergarten** teacher at **Ontario Place** when he went to see the **fireworks** with his family. **Ontario Place** is a tourist attraction in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, beside Lake Ontario. There are rides, concerts, food, and a big IMAX movie theatre. On holidays and special occasions, there are sometimes **fireworks** displays at **Ontario Place**.

To have feelings for someone

The expression “**to have feelings for**” is similar to “**to have a crush on**,” but there is a difference between these two expressions.

“**To have a crush on someone**” is not very serious, as we saw in Robin’s example when he was a child. “**To have feelings for**” is generally more serious.

Example:

Rob: So, do you **like** her?

Sasha: I am starting **to have feelings for** her, but I am not sure what to do.

To be interested in someone

For example, we have the expression: “I am interested in golf.” This means that you like and enjoy golf. **To be interested in** a person means the same: you **like** this person.

Example:

I **am interested in** Jamie, but I am not sure if he **is interested in** me.

Like

I am sure that everyone knows this word! We can easily say, “I **like** pizza,” or “She **likes** ice cream.” I can also say, “I **like** my friend Pamela.”

We can also use the word “**like**” to mean that you **like** someone more than a friend. The meaning in this case depends on the context.

Here are two examples in different contexts:

Liz: Maria is a really good person.
Jon: Yes, she is a good friend. I **like** her a lot.

Harriet: I really **like** him.
June: So, why don't you ask him on a date?

If you are not sure about how someone uses “**like**” you can ask the person if they **like** the person “more than a friend.”

To wrap something up

Did you notice that Robin often uses this expression when ending our episodes?

When we **wrap something up**, it doesn't necessarily mean that we're covering it in wrapping paper and putting a ribbon on it, like a present. “**To wrap something up**” is also an expression that means “to end” or “to finish” something, as Robin was doing when he finished the podcast.

So now it's time for me to **wrap up** this Detailed Explanation!

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

1. **Molly: Have you talked to Megan lately?**
Abby: Yeah! I actually _____ her at the mall yesterday!

Fill in the blank.

- a) bumped
 - b) bumped into
 - c) bumped on
 - d) bumped up to
2. **What are you doing when you wrap up a conversation?**
- a) ending the conversation
 - b) making the conversation more interesting
 - c) showing someone that you are interested in them
 - d) talking in rhyming verses along with music
3. **On which day do we usually watch fireworks in Canada?**
- a) Canada Day
 - b) Easter
 - c) Friday
 - d) Remembrance Day
4. **What is the word for smaller fireworks that are not professional?**
- a) fireplace
 - b) fire starters
 - c) firecrackers
 - d) fire party

5. Steve is really funny and handsome. I think I _____ on him.

Fill in the blank.

- a) am interested
- b) get to know
- c) have a crush
- d) like

6. What do people in Canada often call the first official year of school?

- a) children's garden
- b) maternal
- c) kindergarten
- d) maternelle

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

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