

## KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

# Know your English - "webtrovert"

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"Why is it you are always late? I've been waiting here for over half an hour."

"I'm so sorry. I didn't know how to get here. So I asked Suresh, and he..."

"Why did you ask him? Don't you know that Suresh is directionally challenged?"

"Directionally challenged? What does it mean?"

"A person who is directionally challenged has problems figuring out which is left and which is right. He gets confused. This person can neither give proper directions nor understand them when they are given."

"So this person may say 'right' when he means 'left'?"

"Or he may turn left when you ask him to turn 'right.'"

"Well, if that's the case, Uma is definitely directionally challenged."

"Did you manage to meet the person you've been chatting with on the net?"

"You mean Dilip? Yes, I met him yesterday. He..."

"What's he like?"

"Very different from what I had expected."

"What do you mean?"

"Whenever we chatted, he sounded confident and outgoing. I thought he would be the life of the party. But face to face, he is rather shy."

"Dilip is probably a webtrovert."

"I have come across the words 'introvert' and 'extrovert'. Who is a webtrovert?"

"A webtrovert is exactly like your friend Dilip. He is someone who is extremely shy in real life. But when he logs on to a social network, he comes across as being an extrovert."

"I see. Have you met a lot of webtroverts?"

"You know me. I seldom make an attempt to talk to people I know. So chatting with people I don't know and I can't even see is definitely out of the question. So tell me, what does Dilip like to do?"

"He told me he likes to chat on the net, and loves to watch the videos on YouTube."

"I see. Does he spend..."

"Can you call someone who spends a lot of time watching YouTube videos a couch potato?"

"A couch potato is someone who spends a lot of time watching TV. He..."

"I know who a couch potato is, but..."

"There is a word for a person who watches a lot of videos on YouTube. He's usually called a youtuber."

"Isn't the potato also called a tuber?"

"That's right. When you call someone a 'youtuber'..."

"A youtuber is probably someone who is like the potato. He takes root at the computer table and doesn't move. He spends a lot of time browsing YouTube videos."

"A very good definition." \*\*\*\*\*

*"I would imagine that if you could understand Morse code, a tap dancer would drive you crazy." –*

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