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Vocabulary Lesson 3: Yiddish Words Used in English

1. chutzpeh—(noun) brazenness, gall, cheek

sentence:

2. drek—(noun) excrement, inferior merchandise or work, insincere talk

sentence:

3. dybbuk—(noun) a soul condemned to wander for a time in this world because of its sins

sentence:

4. kosher—(noun) food that meets rules of Jewish dietary laws
(adjective) clean, proper

sentence #1:

sentence #2:

5. k'vetsh—(noun) a whiner, a complainer
(verb) to whine, complain

sentence #1:

sentence #2:

6. Mazel tov!—(interjection) Good luck! Congratulations!

sentence:

7. meshugeneh—(noun) a mad, crazy, insane woman

sentence:

8. mitsveh—(noun) a commandment, mostly always used to mean a good deed

sentence:

9. nash—(noun) a snack, sweet, treat
(verb) to snack

sentence #1:

sentence #2:

10. Oi, vay!—(interjection) Dear me! Expression of dismay or hurt

sentence:

11. shlep—(verb) to drag, carry or haul, particularly unnecessary things, to go somewhere
unwillingly

sentence:

12. shmaltz—(noun) grease or fat, flattery

sentence:

13. shmeer—(noun) the whole works
(verb) to bribe, to coat like butter, to be excessively kind for selfish gain

sentence #1:

sentence#2:

14. shmooz—(verb) to chat, talk

sentence:

15. shmuts—(noun) dirt, slime

sentence: