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Episode 46:

The F-Word

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<p>00:00</p>	<p>Hello there, dear listeners! Welcome to <i>The Décllic Anglais Podcast</i>. If you are an intermediate, francophone learner of English, you have come to the right place. My name is Tom, I'm your teacher from Décllic Anglais. It's a pleasure to have you with me here today.</p> <p>If you would like to read a transcript (<i>une transcription</i>) a transcript, then you can download (<i>télécharger</i>) the PDF from the notes for this episode. Or, just go to www.decllicanglais.com/podcast.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>00:52</p>	<p>So dear listeners, today we have a very interesting topic, and one that I hope you will find funny as well as informative. This episode of <i>The Décllic Anglais Podcast</i> has been inspired by a number of my French friends and students.</p> <p>Today we're talking about the word F*CK. F*CK... Hmm, that's strange. Every time I try to say the word F*CK, there's a BEEP sound. That's very bizarre. F*UCK! See? It did it again! Oh well. I'm sure you know the word already, it's spelled (<i>c'est écrit</i>) it's spelled F-U-C-K. In everyday language, we call it "the F-word". So, we will just call it "the F-word" in this episode. So, a question I am often asked is...</p> <p>Is it ever ok to say the F-word? <i>Est-il acceptable de dire le F-word?</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>02:10</p>	<p>Yes, this is a question that I have been asked many times by friends and students. And it's a very, VERY important question. Remember dear listeners, there is no such thing as a bad or stupid question. Bad or stupid questions do NOT exist.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

<p>02:33</p>	<p>So, is it ever ok to say the F-word in English? The short answer is... No.</p> <p>(theme music)</p> <p>Thank you for listening to <i>The Déclic Anglais Podcast... Bye bye! Haha no, no, no. I'm only joking, this isn't the end of the episode. Come back, come back!</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>02:58</p>	<p>Is it ever ok to say the F-word in English? Well, generally speaking... No not really. The F-word is a swear word (<i>un gros mot</i>) a swear word, and quite a heavy one, too. I hear French people using it ALL the time when they are speaking French, especially young people. <i>Le F-word est devenu un anglicisme en français que j'entends un peu partout.</i> But for most native speakers of English, the F-word is a VERY heavy, vulgar swear word.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>03:39</p>	<p>If you visit an English-speaking country like Great Britain, I would really avoid using the F-word with people who you don't know. If you are with a group of strangers, in a professional environment, or especially with children, you should really steer clear of (<i>rester à l'écart / éviter</i>) steer clear of the F-word. Really.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

04:09	<p>Let's imagine that you go into a job interview, and you say to your interviewer: "I'd like this job, because I think it's a great f*cking opportunity." Well, if you use the F-word here, you might sound very enthusiastic. But you would also come across as (<i>donner l'impression d'être</i>) you would come across as, well, vulgar, a little impolite. For most people, you would make a bad impression.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
04:47	<p>As I said earlier, avoid using the F-word with people you don't know well. Wait until you become better acquainted with someone before you use language like the F-word. I think this goes for any culture, doesn't it? It's much better to get to know someone, before you start using certain words. Now, earlier I said that the short answer to the question was no. "Is it ever ok to use the F-word in English?" No. But there is also a long answer that's a little more complicated.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:29	<p>So, some friends and students have told me:</p> <p><i>Mais Tom à chaque fois que j'allume la télé, et que je regarde une série ou un film, j'entends le F-word. Alors ce n'est pas SI grave quand-même, non ?</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

<p>05:43</p>	<p>Well, you're absolutely right, the F-word features in TV series, movies, songs... You name it. But, keep this in mind: If you are watching the TV or listening to the radio in the UK and other anglophone countries, you will not hear the F-word BEFORE 9 PM, 9 o'clock in the evening. I'm not talking about streaming services like Netflix, I'm talking about the regular television.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>06:21</p>	<p>If you are watching the normal TV, you will not hear the F-word before 9 o'clock when most children are already in bed. The F-word and many other words get censored (<i>censuré</i>) censored. That means that in the interests of public decency, the government has restricted the use of the F-word until a certain time, late at night. So, what does that tell you about how English-speakers consider view the F-word?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
<p>07:02</p>	<p>So, there you have it ladies and gentlemen. To wrap up, to summarise then, be really careful when using the F-word. Never use it with people you don't know well, and even then, try to use it sparingly, with moderation, sparingly.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

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Bye for now!

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