



# English Vocabulary Booster

## Episode 36

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### Animals

**Social butterfly**  
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**Sheepishly**

It's very hard for me to meet men, or people in general. I'm the opposite of my sister, she's a **social butterfly** while I'm very shy and I prefer to spend time by myself. Anyway, my sister insisted I go on a date with a friend of hers from college and, I don't know why, I accepted. This afternoon I started getting ready and I was so nervous, I **had butterflies in my stomach**. I got to the café and almost **chickened out**! I was about to leave but then I thought it'd be really rude so I walked in. Everything seemed fine at first, he was already there sitting at a table waiting for me. We sat and started talking. He seemed great until... until they brought the food. He kept talking, only this time with food in his mouth, which is one of my biggest **pet peeves**! I **sheepishly** suggested maybe he could finish eating and then we'd talk but he kept chewing with his mouth open. I was trying to not say anything, I tried to think about something else until I suddenly went: STOP CHEWING LIKE THAT! IT'S DISGUSTING! We never went on a second date but, hey, at least I didn't have to watch his burger being chewed for the rest of that date!



**Social butterfly** - She's a social butterfly.

- If you are a social butterfly, do you like spending time with people?
- And do you have a lot of friends?
- Are you a social butterfly?

**Have butterflies in your stomach** - I had butterflies in my stomach.

- If you have butterflies in your stomach, are you nervous or excited?
- When was the last time you got butterflies in your stomach?

**Chicken out** - I almost chickened out.

- If you want to do something and then you chicken out, do you do that something or not?
- Why? What feeling causes you to chicken out?
- When was the last time you chickened out?

**Pet peeve** - ... which is one of my biggest pet peeves.

- Is a pet peeve something you find particularly pleasant or particularly annoying?
- Is a pet peeve usually generic or very specific?
- Do you have any pet peeves?

**Sheepishly** - I sheepishly suggested he could finish eating.

- If you say or do something sheepishly, do you show confidence or lack of confidence?
- Is there someone you act sheepishly around?

