



## Lesson 233

shallow	[ˈʃæləʊ]
dive	[daɪv]
crush	[krʌʃ]
backbone	[ˈbækbəʊn]
wetsuit	[ˈwetsu:t]



**Crash** and **crush** have very similar meanings and pronunciations and so are often confused. **Crash** means to hit something and cause damage. **Crush** means to press something so hard that it's damaged.

For example:

*The car **crashed** into the tree and the driver was **crushed** to death.*

What do people sometimes wear when they go diving?

People sometimes wear a **wetsuit** and a special container of air when they go **diving**.

Which place in Europe would be best to go diving?

I think *Croatia* would be the best place in Europe to go **diving**. [krəʊ'eɪʃə]

Why isn't it a good idea to dive into a shallow lake?

It's not a good idea to **dive** into a **shallow** lake because you may hit the bottom and **crush** your **backbone**.

Is there always a crush on buses / the underground during the morning rush hour?

Yes, there's always a **crush** on buses / the underground during the morning rush hour.

If someone drove at high speed and crashed into a wall, would the car be crushed?

Yes, if someone drove at high speed and crashed into a wall, the car would be **crushed**.

What do we sometimes do with nuts before adding them to a cake?

First we crack nuts and then we **crush** them before adding them to a cake.

What kind of films would you describe as shallow?

I'd describe most soap operas as **shallow**.



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